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The general public is hearing or reading a great deal these days about the so-called Opium War with China in 1840. Every mail brings us either from the Society for the Suppression of the Opium Trade (London) or from the International Reform Bureau of Washington literature in which prominence is given to the historic episode of 1840 at Canton. In an article published in the Anti-Opium Society's organ it is stated that: "In the East, the abuse (of Opium) dates back several centuries. In India, the Opium habit amongst native troops contributed to the British victories of the eighteenth century. In China, Opium smoking was introduced from Formosa at the beginning of that century, and was met by prohibitive Edicts. It continued, however, to spread. In 1840, the measures taken by the Chinese Government for its suppression led to war with Great Britain? In 1858, after a second war, the Chinese consented to legalise the import of Opium; thenceforth, being unable to prevent the import, they allowed their laws against poppy cultivation to fall into desuetude. In consequence, the production of native Opium increased so rapidly that a report recently prepared in the British Legation at Peking estimated it at about six times the amount of the import." In the publications of the Washington Society we are told that in 1840, by war, ships and cannon England forced opium on China and preserved British trade interests, and again in 1908-9 by diplomacy she is

still forcing the opium on China so as "to avoid injury to British trade interests." A letter from the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce to the British Minister at Peking is quoted in support of the latter statement.

The discussion of the historical aspect of the question is barred at the International Conference, if the Chairman's wishes are respected, but seeing the use that the Anti-Opium Societies are making of this aspect of the question, it is desirable at least to point out that the episodes of sixty or seventy years ago in which opium figured so prominently have aspects other than that which is represented in the Anti-Opium Societies' publications, and it is well that they should be borne in mind now. No one who has read the history of the times preceding the so-called "Opium War" of 1840 can honestly conclude that it was for the purpose of forcing the opium trade upon China. Nor will the student find that China then strongly objected to opium on moral grounds. To borrow the words of Dr. Eitel, the objection to the opium trade of all the principal Chinese statesmen of the time was "not that it fostered a vice gnawing at the vitals of the nation, but that it caused the balance of trade to turn against China and that it accordingly drained China of silver and impoverished the nation." On the other hand the British Government of the day by no means approved of the traffic, and Captain Elliot, the Government's representative in China "personally abhorred the trade, root and branch," and he wrote to Lord Palmerston that he had stealthily discountenanced it by all lawful means in his power and at the total sacrifice of his private comfort in the society in which he had lived for years. "But he also stated with perfect truth," says Dr. Eitel, "and in this Chinese history supports him, when he wrote to Lord Palmerston (February 2, 1837) that the opium trade commenced and subsisted only by reason of the heavy concurrence of the chief authorities of the southern provinces of China, and indeed also of the Court at Peking; that no portion of the foreign trade to China more regularly paid its entrance dues than this opium traffic; and that the least attempt to evade the fees of the mandarins was almost certain of detection and punishment." What prevented Captain Elliot from taking official proceedings against the opium trade, which he personally loathed, was the consideration which had prevented the Parliamentary Committee of 1832 disavowing it altogether. The opium trade had by its financial operations, become so intertwined with the legitimate trade that separate dealing with it was impossible. The import of opium into China, as it gradually expanded, gave an enormous impetus to the export of tea and silk from China to the European markets, and the whole trade had imperceptibly become a necessity both for China and for Europe; for China because the craving for opium was so wide-spread among the Chinese people that the demand for it defied the severest criminal enactment; for Europe because the sale of opium which had by this time come to form three-fifths of the whole British imports into China, provided a very large portion of the funds required for operations in Chinese produce destined for European markets. But the great question at issue in the war was the supremacy of China over England. It was not "to force opium on China" that the war of 1840 was fought, but to assert the dignity of the British Crown and to seek relief from the intolerable oppression of the foreign resident in a letter to the Viceroy expressed his regret that peace between the two countries (meaning, of course, China and England) was placed in imminent jeopardy by unexplained and alarming proceedings of the Chinese Authorities that had happened, the Viceroy in a supercilious reply said he could not understand what Elliot meant by 'the two countries'; that, of course, he could not possibly mean to compare England with China which would be absolutely preposterous because all regions under heaven were in humble submission to the Government of China, while the heaven-like goodness of the Emperor overshadowed all; and that the English nation and the Americans had, by their trade at Canton, of all those nations in subjection, enjoyed the large measure of favour. Therefore, argued the arrogant Viceroy, "I presume it must be England and America that are conjointly named 'the two countries' but the meaning of the language is greatly wanting in perspicuity." No impartial reader of the history of those times can honestly come to the conclusion that it was for the purpose of "forcing opium on China" that England went to war in 1839-40. She went to war to uphold the dignity of the British Crown, to protect it from insult, and to relieve the foreign residents from the intolerable

oppression to which foreigners were subjected by the native authorities and which had been growing more and more obnoxious as the influx of independent residents increased after the cessation of the East India Company's monopoly.

Bishop BERT when, on his appointment as Chairman of the Shanghai Conference, he cautioned the Commissioners against raising the historical aspect of the question possibly recognised that it was capable of a very different interpretation to that commonly given to it. The only question of importance now is as to whether the Chinese Government is in a better position to enforce its decrees on the subject than it was sixty years ago. It is of interest to note that China is now insisting on the physical ruin of the people through the use of opium, and nothing is said about the impoverishment of the nation through the drain of silver. Yet the balance of trade has been against China for many years, and therefore not wanting those who suspect that the anti-opium movement is inspired even to-day in China more by this consideration than by any other. Whatever be the motive, the intention of the Chinese Government will be fulfilled if it has the power to enforce its decrees insisting on the suppression of the native cultivation of the poppy. An un-luxurious human nature in China is very different from what we believe it to be, the Government of China may, long before the present century is out, rue the day when it embarked on the present enterprise.

There are rumours in Peking that Chen Pi has left the country by steamer.

The Hongkong A.D.C. repeat "The Country Girl," on Friday and Saturday next at the Theatre Royal.

The sale of property in Sutherland Street, Hongkong, which was to have taken place yesterday, was postponed.

The new Oriental Brewery Co. has started in competition with the Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd. and advertises ice at one cent per lb.

The lecture arranged for Thursday evening next at the Union (Harsh Literary Club has been cancelled. No meeting will be held this week.

Captain M. T. Bailey has been given the command of the s.s. Asia, Captain Frille having been transferred to the Manchuria.

At the Magistracy yesterday afternoon Mr. J. R. Wood committed the four natives for trial who were charged before him with committing armed robbery at Yau-mai.

The Bandmann Comedy Co. are returning to Hongkong from the North next week and an announcement on page 4 sets forth the comedies they intend to stage during their week's stay in the Colony.

The weekly return of communicable diseases in the Colony shows for the week ended on the 13th inst. one case of plague (not fatal), a fatal case of diphtheria and a fatal case of enteric fever. All were Chinese.

The Korea Daily News, Mr. E. T. Bethell's paper, which suspended publication about the time of the various actions in which Mr. Bethell was involved, has again made its appearance at Seoul.

The question of financial reform is being constantly insisted upon by the Board of Finance in Peking and steps are being taken to secure the attendance at Peking of delegates from every province to discuss the matter.

Russia has recently paid over a sum of 500,000 roubles for distribution among the inhabitants of Kirin as compensation for damage sustained during the war. The money was entrusted to a Chinese merchant at Harbin for distribution.

A Japanese named Jansiro Yojima, has set out on a journey round the world. His journey is to extend over a period of ten years, during which time he will visit Tibet, India, Arabia, Africa, St. Helena, South America, Canada, the United States, Bohring Straits, Siberia and other countries. Landing at Shanghai, he will proceed to Peking and thence into the interior of Asia. The Japanese papers state that the man, who has started out without money, and intends to "work his way," was formerly a sergeant in the Imperial Army and took part in the siege of Port Arthur during the late war. He is 27 years of age.

Yesterday's Mail brought particulars of the death of Mr. Thomas Howard, announced a month ago in a special telegram to the Daily Press. Mr. Howard had been in bad health for some time, and his sight failed him entirely last year. He passed away on Sunday morning, the 10th January, at his residence, No. 7, Cardle Terrace, Cowes, Isle of Wight. Mr. Howard, who was well known in this Colony in the sixties, first settled here as a partner in the firm of Howard and Moss, who established themselves at West Point, and when, many years later, the partnership was dissolved, he carried on the business under the style of Howard & Co. Mr. Howard was a director of the now defunct Fungion Mining Company, in which he was largely interested, retaining his holding to the last, as he had great faith in the existence of payable gold fields in Fungion, and would have prosecuted the search for a payable reef had he been supported by the shareholders. Mr. Howard retired finally from business in 1903, the condition of his health rendering a change imperative. He leaves a widow and several children to mourn his loss.

Prince Ching, it is reported, has refused the appointment of Comptroller of the Ministry of Marine, which the Government wished to confer on him on its formation. His reason is lack of knowledge of naval affairs.

In order to extend the circulation of the Chinese dollars and bank notes the Board of Finance proposes that the Government Railways and Customs should accept this currency only in payment of their accounts.

In view of the re-organisation of the Chinese Navy, foreign merchants, says a contemporary, have simply inundated the President of the Board of War with tenders for the construction of dock-yards etc. but H.E. Tieh Liang has given them no encouragement.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 14th February, 1909 shows that of non-Chinese there were 380 to the Library and 167 to the Museum and of Chinese 208 to the former and 4,334 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 588 persons and the Museum by 4,501.

The Yuchuanpu (Ministry of Posts and Communications) considers that as railways are increasing in number in China, there will be a great demand for all kinds of materials, which, if purchased from abroad will deprive China of much profit. The Ministry has, therefore, decided to open a workshop in Tientsin this spring, in order to meet requirements.

The Chinese Telegraph Company has hitherto been paying its employees a bonus out of the profits at the end of the year, but the Board of Posts and Communications has now obtained the Imperial sanction to stop this practice. The Throne has also assented to the dismissal of all officials in the possession of securities, and the increase of the salaries of those having onerous duties.

Grand Secretaries Chang Chih-tung and Yung Ching of the Ministry of Education, are considering the advisability of deputing an official of the Ministry, from among the Deputy Vice-Presidents and Counsellors, to proceed to Chinese colonies in foreign lands to strengthen the bonds of relationship of the Chinese residents with their mother country, and to establish Chinese schools among them, so that they may learn their mother tongue and thus preserve their attachment to the land of the ancestors.

Since the Prince Regent has taken up his duties, says Chinese Public Opinion, memorials containing proposals and impeachments are being constantly forwarded by the officials. It is said that most of these are forwarded through the Post Office, but that the members of that department are afraid to hand them in. This has come to the knowledge of the Regent and he has accordingly ordered that despatches of all kinds sent to him are to be handed over direct. A special letter box which is opened daily has been placed at the door of his residence.

Some months ago a Chinese employed at the Disinfectant Station in Hongkong was robbed of a box of clothes. On Sunday he met and stopped to talk with a previous employee, and during the conversation this man pulled a handkerchief out of his pocket which the complainant recognised as his. He taxed the ex-employee with stealing it, together with the rest of his clothing. The defendant denied the theft and told the complainant he could search his house. Complainant went to the house, accompanied by a lakong, and found other articles belonging to him. The ex-employee was charged before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistracy yesterday, was found guilty, and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

A number of cleverly counterfeited bank notes have been circulated in the Colony of late and the police have been making strenuous efforts to apprehend the counterfeiters. Last week end one of these notes was handed by a woman to a money changer at Yau-mai. He did not notice at the time that it was a forgery, but on discovering this fact later he reported the matter to the police. From inquiries instituted Inspector Dymond was able to trace the alleged counterfeit to a brothel. When arrested the defendant refused to tender any information, but it was learned that he resided at 2, Cochran Street. A search of these premises then was made, and a number of bogus 10 bills found in a box. The case will come on for hearing before Mr. J. H. Kemp on Saturday.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHINA AND MACAO.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS,"]

SIR,—I am in receipt of a despatch from His Excellency the Governor of Macao in reference to a paragraph reproduced in your issue of the 8th instant from a Peking contemporary relating to certain allegations which place the Government of the Portuguese Colony in an unfavourable light before your numerous readers. I am to point out that the alleged occupation of Chinese territory by the Portuguese and the stated infraction of Treaty stipulations are assertions which have no foundation in truth. As to the statement that the Portuguese are insisting on the acceptance of their National Bank notes by the Chinese in the districts in the vicinity of Macao, under threat of punishment in the event of refusal, I am desired to bring to your notice that it is entirely false. It is self-evident that no foreign Government can compel the acceptance as legal tender of its Bank notes by the subjects of another Government within the territory of the latter.—I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant.

JOAO J. LEIRIA,

Consul for Portugal.

Hongkong 15th February, 1909.
[The paragraph to which allusion is made in the letter purported to be a summary of a dispatch received by the Wai-wai-pu from the Viceroy of Canton.—Ed.]

TELEGRAMS.

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CRITICAL POLITICAL SITUATION IN TURKEY.

LONDON, February 14th.

A despatch from Constantinople reports that Ministerial changes, resulting in the removal of Aliaciza Pasha, the Minister for War, have created a critical situation due to a conflict in Committee on union and progress with the Grand Vizier, who is the leading representative of the Committee.

At a stormy sitting of the Chamber a vote of want of confidence in the Grand Vizier was passed by 180 votes to 5.

The Grand Vizier accordingly resigned.

The Sultan has entrusted Hilmi Pasha with the formation of a new Cabinet.

LONDON, February 15th.

Hilmi Pasha has been appointed Grand Vizier and has formed a new Cabinet.

A DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT.

LONDON, February 14th.

Mr. H. C. Lowther, Councillor of the British Embassy at Tokyo, has been appointed Minister to Chile.

MORE EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS AT MESSINA.

LONDON, February 14th.

As a result of severe earthquake shocks, all the buildings in Messina which stood after the great earthquake six weeks ago, have now collapsed.

Shocks are being experienced generally in Sicily and Southern Italy.

IMPENDING NAVAL CHANGES.

LONDON, February 15th.

It is officially announced that Admiral Lord Charles Beresford will vacate the Channel command on March 24th.

The more important vessels of the Channel Fleet will then form a Second Division of the Main Fleet, under Admiral Milne.

Admiral Neville is appointed to command the other vessels which will form the nucleus of the Third and Fourth Divisions.

This announcement appears to confirm the "Daily Mail's" statement about the placing of every commissioned ship in British waters, totalling 150, under a supreme command in May.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

NAVY V. KOWLOON.
In a match played at Kowloon on Saturday between the home team and the Navy, the Sailors won by five wickets and 23 runs, the total scores being, Navy 267, with five wickets for fall; Kowloon, 244.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

The fixtures for Saturday are:
Hongkong "A" v. Telegraphs.
Hongkong "B" v. Civil Service.
Kowloon v. Police.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

The League table to date is appended:—

| | P. | W. | L. | D. | P. | A. | Pts. |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Bufs. | 10 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 49 | 2 | 19 |
| R.G.A. | 12 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 33 | 11 | 17 |
| R.E. | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 22 | 8 | 13 |
| Y.M.C.A. | 9 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 17 | 10 | 10 |
| Naval Yard | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 9 | 10 |
| R.A.M.C. | 12 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 9 | 36 | 4 |
| B.O.C. | 9 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 32 | 3 |
| Lusitano | 9 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 40 | 2 |

FOOTBALL.

Only four teams sent representatives to the meeting held yesterday at noon to receive entries for the Soldier's Club Army and Navy Challenge Shield Competition, viz. R.G.A., R.E., Bufs. and King Alfred. The draw for the semi-final was King Alfred v. The Bufs. and R.G.A. v. L.E.S. Gunner Marsh will referee the first round. The trophy is a handsome one, and matches to be played before the end of February, and the final some time in March.

BILLIARDS.

The annual Billiard tournament open to teams of ten from the Army, Navy, Police and Volunteers will commence on March 8th. Units intending to enter must do so before Monday 22nd inst. when a meeting will be held in the Soldiers' Club for the purpose of drawing for the first round. The trophy is a handsome one, and the interest taken in billiards in the colony should ensure a large representative entry.

"EYRE" DIOCESAN REFUGE.

The annual meeting of this institution, which took its name last year at the suggestion of Lady Langard from the founders, was held yesterday afternoon by the kind invitation of the Bishop of Victoria and Mrs. Lander at St. Paul's College. There was a good attendance of ladies, and after tea had been served they proceeded to the business of the meeting. His Lordship Bishop Lander presided.

The Rev. F. T. JOHNSON, in presenting the annual report, said that several of the inmates had come to them sickly and uncared for, some even being weak-minded. These, however, had now shown a marked improvement. It was with joy and thankfulness that they thought of several girls, some still inmates of the refuge and some in homes of their own who had entirely changed and had been made steady, industrious young women. This was due, first to Christian influence and Christian teaching and also to healthy manual labour, physical exercise, occupation for the mind, fresh air, good food, lessons and house work. The number of inmates had increased from 35 to 38. It was to be regretted that while the work was so satisfactory in the highest sense its maintenance was being seriously crippled by lack of funds. Another European worker was needed and more convenient premises were also essential for the efficient working of the laundry and indeed for the girls. Thanks were due to lady visitors, Dr. Harston, the doctors and nurses of the Government Civil Hospital, Dr. Sibree, the Rev. W. H. Hewett, Miss T. ruddas, and their customers for their kind forbearance.

The statement of accounts showed that the expenditure, after reserving \$708.87 for salary, amounted to \$6,084.46. This exceeded the revenue by \$139.94.

His Lordship, in moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, said the refuge was an institution which demanded the support of all ladies and gentlemen in the colony. It was an institution which was working among the most needy class, the necessity for such work having been admitted again and again, as the Ordinances for the Protection of Women and Girls indicated. The girls who had been admitted to the refuge were from the lowest class, some being blind, deaf, dumb and paralysed and altogether in the most deplorable condition imaginable. He did not think it would be possible to find any lower class to work upon than those brought into the refuge. Proceeding, his Lordship mentioned the interest taken in the institution by His Excellency the Governor and Lady Langard, and went on to speak of the splendid results which had been achieved. In concluding he urged the necessity of putting the refuge on a sound financial basis so that they might secure an establishment large enough to take in all the girls who wanted to come and to have not one but two European workers.

Miss EYRE supplemented the report by interesting details of the inner working of the institution.

A committee of ladies was appointed and other business details completed.

GREATER BRITAIN AT A MANSION HOUSE BALL.

The Overseas Possessions of Britain were most effectively and originally represented at the Lord Mayor's Juvenile Fancy Dress Ball which was held at the Mansion House on Jan. 8th, by a dainty little maid (Miss Rita Lloyd), who impersonated "Greater Britain."

It was a happy conception to embody in this small Australian, who has also visited other far distant and widely separated parts of the Empire, a representation of the vast territories overseas which own the sway of the British crown; and the unique design of the costume was tastefully carried out, the total effect being brilliant as well as strikingly original. A governing scheme of the national colours, red, white and blue, was preserved throughout, the little lady's white silk dress forming a background on which were artistically disposed and correctly coloured representations of the flags and badges of the different Possessions, surrounding and flanking portraits of Colonial Governors and Premiers, including the Governor of Hongkong. The front central position on the bodice was occupied by a vignette of the King-Emperor. Above His Majesty appeared Lord Dudley, as Governor-General of Australia, twenty other Governors or Premiers being disposed around the bodice and skirt. The white kid shoes were brought into harmony with the general design by representations in petto of flags and badges of Greater Britain; and the colour scheme was further emphasised in streamers attached to an "Empire Stick" surmounted by a globe of the world, which the child carried as a wand. But perhaps the most unique feature of the whole representation, as it was certainly the most striking, was a large globe of the world which she wore on her head, on which the British Possessions stood out rightly conspicuous, in the proper red, against the white of the other lands and the blue of the "unplumb'd, salt, estranging sea."

Miss Rita Lloyd is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Lloyd who were recently in Hongkong and Shanghai.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Apear str. Catherine Apear from Calcutta left Singapore on the 15th instant afternoon, and may be expected here on or about the 19th instant.

The Silk ex C.P.R. str. Empress of Japan which left Hongkong on the 16th ultimo, and Yokohama on the 24th ultimo, arrived in New York on Friday the 12th instant, thus making a transit of 27 days from Hongkong and 19 days from Yokohama.

The E. & A. str. Empire left Sydney on the 13th instant for Queensland, Forts, Timor, Manila and this port.

The Ben Line str. Benvenue from Middlebrook and New York, left Singapore on the 14th instant for this port.

The I.G.M. str. Lucerne which left here on Wednesday, the 10th instant at noon, arrived at Singapore on the 14th instant at 10 a.m.

THE PROPOSED UNIVERSITY FOR HONGKONG.

The Committee in charge of the proposed Hongkong University movement held a meeting at Government House yesterday. His Excellency the Governor presided. The Committee, most of whom were present at the meeting, consist of the following gentlemen:—His Lordship the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Victoria, Mr. H. N. Mody, The Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G., The Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G., The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G., The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, Kt., C.M.G., The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., The Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, The Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson, and Mr. C. Clementi. The Sub-Committee consists of a large number of the leading Chinese residents.

His Excellency the Governor said:—Gentlemen.—There is no need, I think, for me to address you in any detail in regard to the object which has brought us together to-day, for you have already seen the lengthy statement which I drew up; which, by the personal exertions of Dr. Ho Kai and Mr. Lau Chu Pak has been translated into Chinese. That statement sets out the object we have in view in establishing a University in Hongkong, and it also explains the nature of the task we have before us if the scheme is to be a success. In a word, it is this:—Mr. Mody offers to erect the buildings whatever they may cost, in accordance with the design submitted, provided we can raise an adequate endowment fund. Some of the leading members of the community have discussed the matter with me, and we came to the conclusion that an adequate endowment meant a sum of about a million dollars. Mr. Mody has consented to keep his offer open for six months, but if within that period we shall have succeeded in raising a very substantial part of the money required, I have no doubt he will consent to an extension of the time. It will, however, be necessary to show that we already have a very substantial part of it in hand and in sight before we ask for an extension of time. In the meantime I have asked the Secretary of State's sanction to devote the fine site near the junction of the Bonham and Pokfulam Road to the purpose; and I await his reply, and have no reason to think that it will be other than favourable.

I have appointed a committee of eleven under my own Presidency to deal with all questions regarding this scheme, and they are met together to-day for the first time—the Chinese community are represented on this Committee by Hon. Dr. Ho Kai and Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk. I have also on their suggestion appointed you, gentlemen, to be a Sub-Committee for the purpose of raising funds. It will be for you to elect your own Chairman, and to organize yourselves in such a way as you may think fit with the object of dividing the work into special departments and appealing to different communities. You are at liberty to add to your numbers any other Chinese gentlemen you desire, first submitting their names to me through the Secretary of the Committee for my information and final approval. I propose that when the University is built, we shall place in the Main Entrance Hall a board upon which will be inscribed the names of those gentlemen who have given the most liberal donations to the Endowment Fund—namely above a certain limit which we will fix later—so that all those who in future years are students in the University may learn with gratitude the names of the benefactors to whom they owe the opportunities they enjoy of acquiring a liberal education in this Colony.

For my own part I have not been idle. I have written to the British Minister, in Peking asking him to inform the Chinese Government of our project and to invite their support—he himself is a strong supporter of the scheme. I have written also to the Secretary of State, as I have already told you, and to the Government of India, and to the Governor of the Straits Settlements. I have not yet had time for any reply. I have written to the China Association and though no reply is yet due the President, Mr. Scott, who was lately here, most thoroughly assured me of his support, and said he would do all in his power to gain support in England. I have written to the Chancellor of the Oxford University, Lord Curzon, and to the Viceroy of Canton, and to Lord Plims, lately Secretary for the Colonies and to other people as well, including the Municipality of Shanghai. The Chairman replies that he believes the Municipal Council of that Settlement are unanimous in the view that the scheme is entitled to the cordial support of all, and he will reply more fully later on. But, gentlemen, though I hope and believe I shall succeed in obtaining a wide sympathy and support for this scheme among my own countrymen in England and elsewhere I must remind you that the project is primarily for the Chinese, and I look to the Chinese to provide the bulk of the funds. I have not been very long in the Far East but I have been long enough to learn that where funds are required for some great and good purpose the Chinese are not wont to look to others. They are wont to help themselves, and to subscribe with a liberality which I believe to be unrivalled by any other nation. Your presence here to-day, your willingness to come forward and undertake this heavy task of collecting funds proves that you consider this project to be a great and good one making for progress and enlightenment, and enabling the Chinese to hold their own among the educated and civilized nations of the world. Since you have that faith in you, I have no fear but that you will succeed in your task of raising the fund which is required. Your generous compatriots in China, in the Straits, in Java, in Siam and elsewhere will, I feel sure, help us liberally, for they too will benefit by this University to which they can send their sons. Nothing that I can do to forward the scheme will be left undone, and I shall be glad at any time to receive any suggestions

which the Sub-committee may wish to put forward, but it is to yourselves that I look principally to make this project a success.

Before I sit down I will draw your attention to one or two points in this scheme which I wish to particularly emphasize.

1. That this University will not be a rival or in any way antagonistic to Universities, or other educational establishments in China. It will work cordially in co-operation with them, seeking to afford an additional means of higher education in a place well adapted for the purpose by its situation, its Chinese population, its workshops and hospitals and its local teaching staff.

2. That our object is to educate men who will be of practical use to China, as engineers, doctors, surveyors, electricians, &c. and also, I hope, as officials, administrators and governors. For the latter, I hope, we may be able to establish an Arts degree, which shall embrace instruction in Chinese literature and classics as well as in the History and Ethics of the Western nations.

3. Finally we are unanimous that the graduates of Hongkong shall be men of the highest moral character—patriotic and broadminded, and to this end we desire that during their College course they shall be under the best influences, in touch with the leading Chinese citizens of this Colony, and under the close supervision of able and high-minded tutors.

Gentlemen, I wish you every success in the task you have undertaken, and I feel sure that your efforts will bring this project to a successful issue.

4. Finally I would impress upon you that our University will only issue degrees of the same value as degrees conferred by Universities in England. I do not desire to establish a University which will confer any inferior degree, which will not be recognised in England, nor can we obtain a Royal Charter for any lesser standard.

At the conclusion of the Governor's speech, a meeting of the sub-committee was held. After some brief remarks, Mr. Ho Fook proposed the appointment of Hon. Dr. Ho Kai as president of the sub-committee with Mr. S. W. To as secretary.

Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk seconded.

The motion was carried unanimously.

That was all the business.

CHINESE IN CANADA.

HOW THEY TRY TO EVADE THE HEADTAX.

We have received the following from a Winnipeg correspondent:—There is nothing uncertain about the way the Canadian Government collects the head tax of \$500 on Chinamen entering the Dominion. Suppose the son of a Chinese merchant arrives in British Columbia. He will most likely claim to be the son of a Vancouver or Victoria merchant and as such is exempt from the head tax of \$500. Before he is allowed the slightest freedom he is examined thoroughly as to his family history, how many brothers and sisters he has, what their names are, where they live and a thousand other things. Then the father is sent for and before they can possibly communicate he is asked the same questions. In this way it is very difficult for the incoming Chinaman and his supposed father to invent a story which will hang together, and until the young man satisfies the authorities he is not allowed to land. Sometimes, of course, an evasion is attempted and when he finds himself getting enmeshed in a web of lies John Chinaman will smile sweetly and admit the fraud, promptly paying the tax. But oftentimes situations arise which may rightly be called Chinese puzzles, for no Chinaman considers it a fraud to evade the poll tax. He looks upon it exactly as white people look upon the evasion of Customs duties. They rather consider it a game of hide and seek with the government, with a stake of \$500 to make it more exciting. All sorts of difficult questions arise daily at the Canadian ports along the Pacific Coast. A merchant's wife is also allowed to land free, but before doing so she must prove conclusively that she is really married to a resident of Canada. Many Chinamen take advantage of the fact that they may leave Canada for the space of one year and return without having to pay another poll tax. The old system of doing things was to give each Chinaman a ticket of leave on which a careful description of him was written, but in time it was found that Mr. Chinaman was forging this "stiff ticket" as he called, making very clever duplicates. In consequence this system was changed and after the description is carefully entered in a book the Chinaman is given a number which he is allowed to forge as he likes, but unless the description and the Chinaman tally he does not get into Canada.

Before this new system came into effect one of the controllers swore that names on certificates were written by him, but it transpired later that they had been forged. The whole scheme of wholesale forgery was unearthed by an office boy who chanced to notice "Honk Kong" (sic) and some Chinese characters in the watermark of the certificates. This exposed the whole scheme, for it was known that none of the Canadian Government papers made in Hongkong. After that the certificates were hung up and numbers substituted and the new way is proving eminently successful. At the present time there are less than ten thousand Chinese in Canada, and the number decreases rather than increases on account of the large number who annually sell out their possessions and leave to spend the evening of their days in the Flowery Kingdom. Students were formerly exempt from the poll tax, but under the Act recently passed they are no longer exempt. However, if after paying their head tax they study for a year or more at one of the higher colleges or universities, they get the \$500 returned to them on their return to China. All steamships having Chinese crews are placed under bonds of \$500 for each Chinaman in case any escape, and not only must the full crew be sent but each member of it must be identified to prevent substitution.

SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held on Feb. 15th at the Board Room. Mr. E. O. Hutchison presided, and there were present Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, M.C. (Vice-President), Colonel Bedford, Hon. Mr. Irving, Mr. A. Shelton Hooper, Dr. G. H. L. Fitzwilliams, Dr. J. Pearce (Medical Officer of Health), Dr. McFarlane (Assistant Medical Officer of Health) and Mr. A. Gibson (Secretary).

JOSS STICKS IN THE CEMETERY.

The Head of the Sanitary Department wrote the following minute with regard to the burning of joss sticks in the Colonial Cemetery during Japanese burials:—"The burning of joss sticks is part of the ceremony in Japanese burials. At the Colonial Cemetery Japanese are buried in a part of the cemetery which is more or less separate from the rest. I do not see that the burning of joss sticks during the ceremony in that part of the cemetery can be reasonably objected to, and would recommend that the inspector be instructed that it is not necessary to take action to stop joss sticks during a Japanese burial."

Mr. SHELTON HOOPER minuted—I cannot agree with the proposal. The bylaws against same were fully discussed by the Board and approved by the Legislative Council.

Mr. HOOPER moved that the application be refused on the ground set out in his minute.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

FERRITES AS RAT DESTROYERS.

A long letter was received from the Medical Officer of Health for Capetown in reply to a communication from the Board relative to the use of ferrites as agents for destroying rats. He pointed out that it was a common experience in Capetown to put a ferrite down in a rat hole in one house and have it appear in another some three days away. The ferrites commonly came across nests of young rats or the carcasses of rats that had died from plague and gorged themselves so that they were unable to get back through the hole and while in this state were often lost or were set upon and killed by adult rats. Apart from this the ferrites proved to be exceedingly susceptible to plague and a very large percentage of the animals employed died from plague soon after they were used. In conclusion he remarked that in Capetown when an outbreak of plague occurred they depended to a large extent upon bird lime for catching rats and gave some notes regarding its use. The ordinary bird lime proved of very little use but the best Japanese bird lime gave excellent results.

FLOOR SPACES.

A minute was received from the Medical Officer of Health enquiring whether the new bylaws re floor spaces of hakhouses, dairies and laundries are to be enforced in places already licensed or only in the cases of application for new licences.

Mr. HOOPER minuted—Enforce the bylaws. Mr. HOOPER said he certainly thought they should enforce the bylaws. It was important having regard to hakhouses, dairies and laundries, that the Board should enforce the law. He really did not think there was any necessity for a resolution.

The VICE-PRESIDENT—I agree with Mr. Hooper that it should be an instruction to the Medical Officer of Health to apply the bylaw without exception to premises.

Colonel BEDFORD—Has the Medical Officer of Health any special reason for bringing forward the question?

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH—Only that I discovered one or two licensed hakhouses that have not strictly complied with the bylaws.

The PRESIDENT remarked that some of the floors were good, being tiled with Canton tiles. Mr. HOOPER asked if it did not comply with the law if the floor was impervious. Supposing there was a floor of asphalt, it would not require to be made with cement?

The VICE-PRESIDENT said it was in the discretion of the Board to approve of the material. The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH said he would like to be clear on the matter. Canton tiles were certainly not impervious.

Mr. HOOPER said it seemed to be a matter in which the M.O.H. should exercise his discretion. The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH—It is for the Board to say whether they approve of Canton tiles in good condition. Then we shall know where we are. Certainly I do not approve of them.

The VICE-PRESIDENT—I move that the M.O.H. be asked to submit a report on the matter.

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

APPLICATION FOR EXHUMATION.

An application was received for exhumation and a permit for re-burial in the new Colonial Cemetery.

Mr. HOOPER minuted—This matter had better stand over until we know from the law officers who has the power to grant permits for exhumation. At any rate I am strongly against allowing our cemetery to be used for reinterment of bodies from Chinese cemeteries.

Mr. LAU CHU PAK—Can bodies from cemeteries other than Chinese be reinterred in this cemetery?

Mr. HOOPER—Have we got the opinion of the Law Officer of the Crown?

The PRESIDENT—No opinion has yet come.

Mr. HOOPER—I think the application should stand over pending that.

Members agreed.

THE DESTRUCTION OF RATS.

The minute of the acting Head of the Sanitary Department with regard to the destruction of rats was as follows:—"For the destruction of rats which may be considered the most important of the measures against plague, the following methods have been employed during the last six months:—

(1.) The Chinese have been encouraged to keep cats.

(2.) Rat bins have been erected in Victoria and Kowloon in convenient places and the Chinese have been exhorted to do their utmost to destroy rats and put them in the bins.

(3.) Traps have been issued to the Chinese through the Chinese dispensaries. Bird lime boards, traps and poisons are given out to Europeans on application.

(4.) Poisoning on an extensive scale was carried out during the first week of January.

2. I attach a table of figures showing the monthly total of rats collected for the six months from August to January for the last six years. In August 1903 the system of giving rewards was abolished and a system of rat catches was afterwards established. The figures show, I think, that the present system is successful in Kowloon. The returns for the last six weeks have been small. There are 250 rat bins and not more than twenty rats are collected per day.

3. I attach a minute from the Medical Officer of Health and one from the Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Kowloon, with regard to poisoning. Poisoning was carried out by the inspectors in shops on the ground floors, and by the various street committees acting under the dispensaries in family houses. Great assistance was given by the Chinese committee in

explaining to the people the use of the poison and any difficulties which were experienced. Every precaution was taken to make the people be careful. As to its use there were one or two accidents reported. No serious results have been known to have occurred. The actual number of rats collected does not show a very great increase but both the Medical Officer of Health and the Assistant Medical Officer of Health are convinced of its utility, and both recommend that a regular system of poisoning be resorted to. The reason for this is that though the Chinese have answered readily in the way of keeping cats they will not themselves continue to take active steps in the way of setting traps, and though the keeping of cats is an excellent measure, it is hardly in itself sufficient.

4. If the Board approves of a regular system of rat poisoning I would recommend the following procedure:—

(a.) Every Friday the inspectors shall serve notices on all the houses which are going to be visited during general cleansing the following week. With him he shall take around poison and bait any shop where the owner is willing that this shall be done. When he comes round again for general cleansing in three or four days time, all the poison will be collected. In this way a regular system of poisoning can be introduced which can be carefully watched and supervised. Experiments are being made to colour the poison green, a colour which means poison to the Chinese mind and which will, if successful, lessen the danger arising from its use.

(b.) Kowloon. In Kowloon it will be possible, with hardly any interference with house cleansing or other work, to bait the ground floors of all the houses on one month. The baiting will take place from afternoon, and a further four afterwards will be devoted to taking up the poison. The system, of course, depends on the willingness of the Chinese to receive the poison, but I don't think they will raise objections. I do not consider it advisable to bait private houses, where supervision is not easy, and where difficulties are more likely to arise. But the Assistant Medical Officer of Health at Kowloon suggests that bird lime boards might be issued in private houses when notices are served for house cleansing, when people are willing to receive them, and then again at the general cleansing by the inspector. This procedure might be tried as an experiment in Kowloon where further steps against rats are seen to be necessary and where the people as a whole are more easily dealt with.

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH minuted—A comparison of the rats caught in the first three weeks of the month with those for the first three weeks in December, shows that 1168 more rats were taken and examined for plague since the general distribution of the poison in Victoria. I think it very advisable to continue the laying down of poison, especially before the plague season is upon us. I think, also, that it will suffice now to lay poison on ground floors only, as if we can keep down the number of sewer rats at shops, etc., we shall be weakening one link in the plague chain from the sewer rat to the house rat, and from the latter to man. I do not wish to have to cease the general cleansing for several days at a time to lay the poison, a thing which must be done if we agree to a general baiting of the city, say every month, or we might lay on a given day each week all the houses which say to be cleansed in the following week. In this way we should bait about 1,000 shops every week. In addition, we might issue poison to the dispensaries, so that all who wish to lay it down for themselves, say in family houses, could apply to the dispensaries for it.

The ASSISTANT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH—I am having arrangements made as regards Shamshui, Kowloon and Hokanok, and will let you know suitable afterwards as early as possible. Some day early next week I shall be speaking for Kowloon only, I see no necessity to give up the general cleansing in order to poison. The poisoning can be done in the afternoon, and we will be able to get over ground floors in about four days. I am entirely against combining poisoning with the general cleansing. Some people who object to the poisoning might quite easily object to the cleansing if it was associated with it. I can see no good enough reason to resign the satisfactory progress of the general cleansing of Kowloon for the sake of rat poisoning which can be done at other times as I should be inclined to let the rat poisoning cause comment, as there would be more cause taken about it and less risk of poisoning. Besides, if you put a rat bait down on one floor it would be better general cleansing, it sweeps up and becomes bad. I should think that more copper salt could be got to colour the poison green, but it would be quicker and more satisfactory to ask the Government Analyst.

Hon. Mr. HERRICK—I think effect should be given to the minute of the Head of the Sanitary Department. Especial attention should be given to Kowloon, where the plague has already started this year.

Mr. LAU CHU PAK—The reasonable suggestions contained in the minute of the Head of the Sanitary Department should be acted upon.

The CHAIRMAN said that the Chinese committee would work with the Board and help them.

Mr. HOOPER—There are three villages at Kowloon. Is Hokanok one of the villages where plague was so rife last year that the Board closed the houses?

The PRESIDENT—Yes, that is the place.

Mr. HOOPER—Is it occupied now?

The CHAIRMAN—Only the ones closed by the Board are still closed.

Mr. HOOPER—I move that effect be given to the recommendations as set out in the President's minute.

The PRESIDENT—I second the motion.

The motion was carried.

BOATWORKING CONTRACTOR FINED.

A number of complaints were received against the boatworking contractor for the city, and he was brought before the Board.

In reply to questions from the PRESIDENT he said he had removed the rubbish as soon as he received the complaint. Sometimes his folks were lazy.

After hearing the complaints and the statement of the contractor the Board decided to impose a fine of \$25 in the present instance, and advised him to employ more men. They also warned him that if there were further complaints he would be more severely dealt with.

A PRIVATE BURIAL GROUND.

Application was made to the Board for permission to use a piece of land near Inland Lot No. 1415 as a private burial ground.

Mr. HOOPER moved that a small committee be appointed to report on the advisability of the Government denoting any more land than they have for private burials. It would mean an extra expense to the Colony because although the land was private land, all to do with the sanitation of the burials devolved upon the Board whether it was an authorised cemetery or a private one. He contended that it was inadvisable unless good cause was shown—and when he said good cause he meant that the Government had provided cemeteries for nearly every class of religion, consequently he saw no reason why the Govern-

ment should give any more land to be converted into cemeteries. He moved that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability not only in this case, but in any others which might come before them.

The REGISTRAR GENERAL seconded, and the committee appointed was composed of the President, the Vice-President, and Mr. Hooper.

HOME AND CHINA AFFAIRS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

LONDON, January 15th.

OPINION ON THE FALL OF YUAN SHIH-KAI. Yuan-shih-kai's fall is deplored in the Press throughout our island. I doubt if the leader writers of our dailies usually know overmuch about Chinese affairs when writing of them, but at any rate they have agreed that in this case the step taken in China is a bad one and holds no good for the future, though some of them expect Yuan to crop up again at some opportune time as the "one strong man in China." Probably the army has played in reorganising the Chinese Army has done most to impress the Western nations at home.

The Westminster Gazette, whose editor is admitted on both sides of politics to be unusually equipped, says—"Yuan-shih-kai was not only the ablest of contemporary Chinese administrators. To a greater degree than any other prominent statesman in the country he realised where lay the weakness of China and the policy that must be pursued if ever she was to take her proper place among the nations. His dismissal now on the pretext that he is suffering from an affection of the foot comes within two months of the change of rulers, and at a time when the new reign has to give proof of its tendencies. That his dismissal means the reversal of the progressive policy of Yuan-shih-kai is agreed by those with a knowledge of China."

The Globe comments:—"The fate of one man does not necessarily signify the triumph of his opponents over the policy for which he stood, and the new learning in China has already taken such deep root—thanks in great part to Yuan-shih-kai's encouragement—that it will hardly be stamped out even by a ruling clique of narrow-minded men. But though the new movement in China may not be strangled, it must be seriously hampered now that the Emperor is a child and will be for many years a puppet in the hands of autocratic advisers. Thousands who would have helped the new movement will now hesitate to do so, whatever their convictions, since they know by unmistakable signs that they will lose any chance of official favour."

TRADE PROSPECTS.

In the Eastern market here, however, I find the merchants have after thinking out the situation come to the conclusion that the indications are distinctly that the volume of trade in English manufactures for export to South China will not be below the normal level for some considerable time to come. There is satisfactory activity in shipping quarters and Japan is just now a good customer also. A leading merchant informs me that the "greater temporary stability of government in China has led to the formulation of new schemes for the creation of factories with German or English equipment, for making goods hitherto supplied in a manufactured condition from Western Europe. Hardware and tools are notably included, as well as textile fabrics."

AN ARSENAL FOR AFGHANISTAN.

Turning homewards gradually, I may mention that there is expectation of a visit to London from an emissary of the Amir of Afghanistan who wants to carry out an old wish to increase the local facilities in Kabul for training out rifles and armament. If the emissary finds the British Government kind on the proposal he will engage artificers and plant for the new works.

THREATENING TROUBLE IN PERSIA.

Still advancing westward in thought, I am reminded that political seers predict trouble in Persia in consequence of the continued presence in St. Petersburg of a Persian notable, Ali-ul-Mulk. He went ostensibly to offer the Shah the condolences of the Shah on the death of an uncle. He seems to be staying unduly long for that, and it is not believed that he is a very distant another loan for the Shah, who is at his wit's end to "raise the wind" without convening Parliament, a thing he has sworn he will not do till it suits him.

He got a loan like this before, but since then the Fundamental Law, has been passed forbidding the contracting of a State loan "under any pretence whatever," without the sanction of the Majlis. If the Shah gets the money now he will be still less inclined than before to return to Parliamentary control over finances. Meanwhile, he has almost entirely lost control over the north eastern corner of his territory, where the revolutionary chiefs are running a rough and ready, and not very satisfactory, rule.

Russia has issued a warning that the time has almost arrived for interfering in this chaos. England is too busy with home affairs, especially an impending general election, to trouble much about Persia, so it seems that Russia will presently have a clear field for predominance in Persia, starting with police duty. She will be hard to move once she gets her claws fixed.

THE STRAITS REPORT ON THE OPIUM QUESTION.

There must be some searching of the heart in official circles over the report of the Opium Commissioners on the Straits Settlements. Though the Colonial Office has withheld publication of the report, the gist of it has percolated to the newspapers in London, and several leading papers there and in the provinces have printed it, with comment.

It will be interesting to hear how the disclosure happened. The story I hear of it is sensational and indicates some "over smartness" on the part of certain newspaper men, with disagreeable results for themselves and for their paper.

I expect you have seen that summary by this time. In any case, it minimises the evil; it says there are few cases of excess; that without international agreement not to cultivate the poppy there can be no effective prohibition and suggests merely the abolition of the opium farm and the substitution of the Government monopoly as the means of control. Some restrictions as to the sale of the drug to women and girls are added, but it is a mild document, the strongest phrases being devoted not to denouncing the traffic but to declaring that the trade lends itself to exaggeration. Bishop O'Brien is the only dissentient from the view that there is little or no excess.

The Manchester Guardian, the Westminster Gazette and officials of the Society for the Suppression of the Opium Trade, mourn exceedingly over these results of the Commission. They suspect that the important part, opium plays in the revenue returns of the Straits Settlements has a good deal to do with the reluctance of the Commissioners to deal effectively with the traffic, under fear that any drastic suggestions would mean fresh taxation to the local residents. The Society mentioned early considers that as the people of Malaya are wealthy—some of them—prohibition must be enforced regardless of their means. "Other means of revenue can readily be found," is the way they put it. Which is all very well so long as you are talking of the other fellow's

SUFFERING WAS BEYOND WORDS

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money. Anyway, all these humanitarian opinions wind up with the sentiment that the anti-opium cause is just and must prevail. Fiat justitia, rotamur cuncti.

THE LATE DOWAGER EMPRESS.

In the current Fortnightly Review Dr. E. J. Dillon has an interesting article on the late Dowager Empress of China, whom he treats favourably on the whole. He puts her down as a Reformer whose "device" was *fatima lente*.

THE SUFFRAGETTE.

The suffragettes are threatening to make things hum with a vengeance during this year. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, at the head of the violent section, has got to a point when she believes that she and her associates are "instruments of the Divine will." For this reason it is not surprising that they have plans for stirring up demonstrations, but they have, they say, far greater enterprises in view.

To begin with they intend to raise a fund of £50,000, and they are convinced, so they say, that they will get the vote this year. Well, if the electoral reform bill is brought in this year on the eve of a dissolution they may manage to get the principle of the woman's vote slipped through, but it may safely be asserted that they are optimists when they believe the vote will actually be achieved in so short a time.

Mr. Winston Churchill, by the way, predicts that the year will bring something like a trade boom after the depression. There is some slight sign of improvement, but I fancy he too is a shade over-optimistic.

BRITISH SYMPATHY WITH ITALY.

The Lord Mayor's fund for the relief of the Italian earthquake sufferers now amounts to over £100,000. Among the subscribers there are many firms interested in the Far East. Among them may be mentioned Messrs. P. and O. (five hundred guineas), Yokohama Specie Bank (£100) Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (100 guineas).

Mrs. Alec. Tweedie, who has a house on Regent's Park, appealed for clothes for the sufferers. She got thirty thousand outfits, and the parcels came so rapidly that the street was blocked and she had to call for aid from all her friends. The crush at last grew so great that she had to issue another appeal to stop the flow of goods. The P. and O. took out most of the parcels for nothing.

JAPAN PURCHASING GUNS.

Gun makers here are expecting in a week or two the arrival of a Japanese official commission charged with the purchase of special batteries of guns of various descriptions, for experimental tests. There will be purchases also on the continent so that the Japanese may study the best guns obtainable in Europe with a view to evolving weapons of their own with all the advantages of these purchased ones plus their own developments.

OPIUM SMOKING IN PARIS.

The Paris police have the past ten days made extensive seizures on premises in the rear of fashionable shops that go to prove that opium smoking is carried on largely by fashionable Parisiennes, who have learned the habit from officers who have served in the Far East. It will surely be necessary to have a Government Commission to report on these things, on the lines of that in the Straits Settlements.

TANG SHAO-YI.

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Hongkong, 16th February, 1909.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY APCAR," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 4 p.m. of the 17th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd. Agents. Hongkong, 16th February, 1909. [343]

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NOTICE.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Monday the 22nd Feb., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 22nd Feb., or they will not be recognized. All damaged packages will be examined on Monday, the 22nd Feb., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. P. DE CHAMPORIN, Agent. Hongkong, 15th February, 1909. [2]

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"CATHAY," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 22nd inst., at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 26th inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 15th February, 1909. [6]

INTIMATIONS

MR. GUMELSINDO JESUS SEQUEIRA is authorised to Sign my Firm per Procuration from This Date.

A. R. MARTY, Hongkong, 11th February, 1909. [327]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS will be received by the Undersigned up to the 31st March, 1909, for the Post of ACTING STEWARD to the above Club for six months from the 1st May, 1909.

Applicants should be unmarried as residence on the Club Premises is essential.

By Order, JAMES CRAIK, Secretary. Hongkong, 11th February, 1909. [315]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1909.

TO-DAY (TUESDAY), TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), THURSDAY AND SATURDAY (OFF-DAY).

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TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., or at the Gate. Price \$7 for the Meeting (excluding the Off-Day), or \$3 per day. Tickets for the Off-Day, \$2.

No one admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. [293]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and the ENCLOSURE during the Race 16th, 17th, 18th and 20th inst.

A Stand and Enclosure will be reserved for Members and Members' Wives and Families.

Tickets for which are now being sent out with the Members' Tickets.

All Tickets must be produced to gain admission.

Special accommodation will be reserved as in recent years for Chinese Ladies and their Female attendants in the Stand erected on the plot of ground next to the Lusitano Club Stand.

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. [294]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO CHILDREN under the age of 14 years will be admitted into the Enclosure.

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. [295]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race day WITHOUT TICKETS which can be had on application to the Undersigned. These Tickets are only available for servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.

Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' passes in their possession, will forfeit them and the holders thereof will be removed from the enclosure.

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. [296]

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS at 11.45 a.m. TO-DAY (TUESDAY), TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY) and THURSDAY, the 16th, 17th and 18th inst., respectively.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1909. [310]

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS at 11.45 a.m. TO-DAY (TUESDAY), TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY) and THURSDAY, the 16th, 17th and 18th inst., respectively.

By Order, A. R. LOWE, Secretary. Hongkong, 13th February, 1909. [329]

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS at 11.45 a.m. TO-DAY (TUESDAY), TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY) and THURSDAY, the 16th, 17th and 18th inst., respectively.

By Order, A. R. LOWE, Secretary. Hongkong, 13th February, 1909. [330]

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By Order of the Board of Directors, W. S. JACKSON, Secretary. No. 26, The Bund, Shanghai, 13th January, 1909. [206]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of February, 1909, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1908.

By Order of the Court of Directors, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 9th February, 1909. [302]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 9th instant to SATURDAY, the 20th instant, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 5th February, 1909. [290]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary. Hongkong, 28th January, 1909. [247]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the above mentioned Company will be held at the Registered Office, Nos. 9 to 17, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 26th day of February, 1909, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions:—

1. That the capital of the Company be increased to \$1,000,000 by the creation of 8,000 additional shares of \$50 each ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares in the Company.

2. That the said 8,000 additional shares be offered in the first instance at par to all members of the Company registered as Shareholders on the First-day of March, 1909, in the proportion of Two New Shares for every Three Original Shares held by them and upon the footing that Fifty per cent. of the full amount of each New Share taken up shall be paid to the Company on acceptance of the offer and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of Shares to which the member is entitled, and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted by payment will be deemed to be declined and that the directors be empowered to dispose of the Shares not taken in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interests of the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors, C. MOONEY, Secretary. Hongkong, 15th February, 1909. [339]

HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 25TH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George Building, 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1909, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1908, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 23rd of February, to SATURDAY, the 27th February, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [334]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY LTD.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the General Managers at 12.30 p.m. on SATURDAY, 27th instant to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1908, and the Reports of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th instant, to the 27th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers. Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [340]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

THE FORTIETH MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 4th March, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 19th February to 4th March, both days inclusive.

By Order, C. PEMBERTON, Secretary. Hongkong, 13th February, 1909. [335]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

LOST SHARE CERTIFICATE.

No. 4782-157229/157236-8 Shares in name of ETHEL NEWTON TRIBE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a DUPLICATE of the above CERTIFICATE will be issued One Month hence, and the Original Certificate, unless produced at the Office of the General Managers within that period, will be held by the Company as Null and Void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 3rd February, 1909. [271]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

EVENING CLASSES in the following Subjects will Resume Work on MONDAY, February 15th:—

ENGINEERING SECTION: Building Construction and Drawing. Machines Drawing. Steam. Mathematics. Mechanics. Physics.

COMMERCE SECTION: English. French. Shortland (including Typewriting). Bookkeeping.

SCIENCE SECTION: Chemistry (Theoretical). Physics. Teachers' Class: English. Copies of the Prospectus, and Entry Forms for intending Students, may be obtained on application to the Undersigned.

E. RALPHS, Director. Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [320]

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that information has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:—

On MONDAY, the 15th February:—From Sacred Hill near Kowloon City in an Easterly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 10 a.m., and finishing at 2 p.m.

On TUESDAY, the 23rd February:—From Western F.C. Belchers and Stoncutters in a South-Westerly to Westerly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 10 a.m., and finishing at 2 p.m.

From Stonecutters in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards commencing at 3 p.m., and finishing at 5 p.m.

On THURSDAY, the 25th February:—From Lyman F.C. in a South-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 14,000 yards, commencing at 11 a.m., and finishing at 10 p.m.

If the weather is unfavourable on any of the above dates, practice will take place on the following day.

All Ships, Junks and Other Vessels are to keep clear of the ranges.

BASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N., Harbour Master, &c. Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [338]

TO LET.

From 1st March. ONE OFFICE ROOM in Prince's Building Second Floor.

Apply to REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co. Hongkong, 1st February, 1909. [263]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in KNOTSFORD TERRACE, Kowloon.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [323]

TO LET.

GOOD OFFICES at No. 2, PEDDER STREET.

Apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD. Hongkong, 15th January, 1909. [194]

TO LET.

COAL YARD. Immediate Possession. A PORTION of the COMPOUND of Marine Lot No. 42, Wanchai, Praya Reat.

BANKS

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
 SUBSCRIBED 1,125,000
 PAID-UP 562,000
 RESERVE FUND 210,000

BANKERS:
 LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
 For 12 months 4 per cent.
 For 6 " 3½ per cent.
 For 3 " 2½ per cent.

EVAN ORMISTON, Manager.
 Hongkong, 23rd April 1908. [23]

THE

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

CAPITAL PAID-UP Yen 24,000,000
 RESERVE FUND 15,100,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
 Tokyo Kobe Osaka
 Nagasaki London Lyons
 New York San Francisco Honolulu
 Bombay Shanghai Hankow
 Chiofo Tientsin Peking
 Newchwang Dulay Fort Arthur
 Antung Lioyang Mukden
 Tientsin Chong Chuan

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent per annum on the daily balance.

On fixed deposits for 12 months 5 per cent per annum
 " " " 6 " 4½ " " " " " 3 " 3½ " " " " " 3 " 3½ "

TAKEO TAKAMICHI, Manager.
 Hongkong, 12th September, 1908. [524]

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(Netherlands Trading Society)
 ESTABLISHED 1824.

PAID UP CAPITAL FL. 45,000,000 (£3,750,000)
 RESERVE FUND FL. 5,752,884.84
 (about £479,407)

HEAD OFFICE: AMSTERDAM.
 HEAD-AGENCY: BATAVIA.

Branches:—Singapore, Penang, Shanghai, Rangoon, Samarra, Surabaya, Cherbon, Tegal, Poeloeboeng, Pasoeroean, Tjilatjap, Padang, Medan (Deli) Palembang, Kotabadjia, (Achoen) Bandjermasin.
 Correspondents at Macassar, Bombay, Colombo, Madras, Pondicherry, Calcutta, Bangkok, Saigon, Haiphong, Hanoi, Amoy, Yokohama, Kobe, Melbourne, Sydney, New York, San Francisco, &c., &c.

LONDON BANKERS:—
 THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LIMITED.

The Bank buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, issues letters of credit on its Branches and Correspondents in the East, on the Continent, and in Great Britain, America, and Australia, and transacts Banking Business of every description.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account 2 per annum on daily balances.
 On Fixed Deposits 12 months 4½ per annum.
 " " " 6 " 4 " " " " " " 3 " 3½ " " " " " 3 " 3½ "

J. L. VAN HOUTEN, Agent.
 Hongkong, 16th July 1908. [25]

DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID UP... Sh. Tael 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BERLIN.

BRANCHES:
 Berlin, Hamburg, Calcutta, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Tainanfu, Tsingtau, Kobe, Yokohama, Singapore.

Founded by the following Banks and Banks:
 KÖNIGLICHE SIEBHANDLUNG (PREUSSISCHE STAATSBANK) Berlin.

DIRECTOR DER DISCONTO-GESELLSCHAFT

DEUTSCHE BANK S. BLEICHROEDER

BERLINER HANDELS-GESELLSCHAFT

BANK FÜR HANDEL UND INDUSTRIE

ROBERT WASSERHAUS & CO. MÜNCHEN

M. A. VON ROTHSCHILD & SOHN

JACOB S. H. STERN

NORDDEUTSCHE BANK IN HAMBURG, Hamburg.

SAL. OPPENHEIM, JR., & CO., Köln.

BAYERISCHE HYPOTHEKEN UND WISSELBANK, MÜNCHEN.

LONDON BANKERS:

Messrs. N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SON

THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LIMITED.

DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENT

DIRECTOR DER DISCONTO-GESELLSCHAFT

INTEREST allowed on Current Account

DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and exchange business transacted.

A. KOHN, Manager.
 Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. [24]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
 HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £1,200,000
 RESERVE FUND £1,525,000
 RESERVE LIABILITIES OF PROPRIETORS £1,200,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent.
 for 6 " 3½ " " " " 3 " 2½ " " " " 3 " 2½ "

JOHN ARMSTRONG, Manager.
 Hongkong, 14th May, 1908. [121]

BANKS

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER.)

Capital Subscribed (paid up) Yen 5,000,000
 Reserve Fund Yen 1,140,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPEH, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
 Amoy Kobe Tainan
 Anping Osaka Tientsin
 Fuchow Oosaka Tokyo
 Keelung Shanghai Yokohama
 Swatow

HONGKONG OFFICE:
 3, DES VŒUX ROAD.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts Deposits received on terms which may be had on application.

D. TOHDOW, Manager.
 Hongkong, 16th September, 1908. [1518]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$15,000,000
 RESERVE FUNDS:—

STERLING \$15,000,000 at 2/—=\$15,000,000
 SILVER \$14,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
 E. SHELLIN, Esq., Chairman.

Hon. Mr. W. J. GRESSON, Deputy Chairman
 E. G. FRIEDLAND, Esq., H. A. SIEB, Esq.,
 C. S. GIBBAY, Esq., Hon. Mr. H. A. W. SLADE,
 W. HELMS, Esq., H. E. TOMKINS, Esq.,
 C. R. LENZMANN, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
 Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH.

MANAGER:
 Shanghai—W. ADAMS ORAM.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
 For 3 months 2½ per cent. per annum.
 For 6 months 3½ per cent. per annum.
 For 12 months 4½ per cent. per annum.

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.
 Hongkong, 3rd February, 1909. [20]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balance \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
 J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.
 Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. [21]

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL PAID UP Gold \$3,250,000.
 RESERVE FUND about Mex. \$7,222,222

HEAD OFFICE: 60 Wall Street, New York.
 LONDON OFFICE: Threadneedle House, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:
 BANK OF ENGLAND.

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND LIMITED.

THE CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS all over the World.

The Corporation transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business, receives money. Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on Daily balances and accepts Fixed Deposits at the following rates:

For 12 months 4½ per cent. per annum.
 For 6 " 3½ " " " " " 3 " 2½ " " " " " 3 " 2½ "

No. 9, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong.
 W. M. ANDERSON, Manager.
 Hongkong, 8th April, 1908. [229]

NEDERLANDSCH-INDISCHE HANDELSBANK.

(Netherlands India Commercial Bank).

ESTABLISHED 1863.

Authorized Capital FL. 15,000,000 (£1,250,000)
 Subscribed Capital FL. 10,000,000 (Paid up) FL. 2,200,517.37 (£183,376)

HEAD OFFICE: AMSTERDAM.
 HEAD AGENCY: BATAVIA.

LONDON BANKERS:
 THE WILLIAMS DEACONS BANK, SWISS BANK CORP.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS all over the World.

THE BANK transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business, receives money in Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on Daily balances and accepts Fixed Deposits at the following rates:

12 months 4½ per cent. per annum.
 6 " 3½ " " " " " 3 " 2½ " " " " " 3 " 2½ "

C. WOLDRINGH, Manager.
 No. 16, Des Vœux Road Central.
 Hongkong, 3rd November, 1908. [26]

SANG MOW.

RATTAN AND GRASS FURNITURE MAKER.

CHAIRS, TABLES, SETTERS & LONG CHAIRS.

BAMBOO BLINDS, MATTINGS in all colours on Sale.

All Orders receive prompt attention.
 59A, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1908. [401]

COMPANY REPORT.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The twenty-eighth annual report of this Company states:—
 The General Managers have pleasure in submitting a statement of the Company's accounts for the year 1908.

Including \$4578.41 brought forward from the previous year and after deducting \$20,000 paid as an interim dividend of \$4 per share, the balance at credit of profit and loss account is \$116,475.03 which it is recommended should be appropriated as follows:—

A final dividend of \$15 per share \$75,000.00
 Provision for contingencies 30,000.00
 To write off property a/c 2,000.00
 To write off launch and lighter a/c 1,858.90
 To carry forward 7,616.13
 \$116,475.03

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD. General Managers.
 Hongkong, 9th February, 1909.

Balance Sheet 31st December, 1908.

LIABILITIES.
 Capital 5,000 shares of \$25 each \$125,000.00
 Accounts payable 5,112.71
 Ammonia reserve account 8,443.69
 Provision for contingencies 120,000.00
 Profit and loss account 116,475.03
 \$375,031.43

ASSETS.

Land, buildings, plant and machinery as per last account \$150,000.00
 Less written off per last report 25,000.00
 \$125,000.00

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co. share, as per last account 225.00

China Fire Insurance Co. share, as per last account 85.00

Canton Insurance Office share, as per last account 120.00

Launch, as per last account \$5,725.00

Since paid, final instalment 6,013.21

Boat and mooring 120.69

Lighter 4,439.45

Cash in hand 71.25

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on current account 40,561.46

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on deposit 90,300.00

Mortgages 46,000.00

Loan secured by mortgage at Yokohama Yen 33,250 25,000.00

Hongkong Club debentures, at par 20,000.00

Outstanding accounts 6,353.41

Accounts receivable 2,052.24

Ice in stock 300.00

Coal in stock 350.01

Fire Insurance, unexpired premium 128.64

Marine Insurance, unexpired premium 176.07

\$375,031.43

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

For the Year ended 31st December, 1908.

To General Managers' Commission \$2,000.00

To Auditor's Fee 150.00

To Interim Dividend of 16 per cent. paid on 22nd August, 1908 20,000.00

To Balance 116,475.03

\$138,625.03

By Balance brought forward from last year \$ 4,578.41

By Ice Sales and Cold Storage Charges, less Working Expenses 122,346.32

By Rents received (less Crown Rent and Taxes paid) 2,043.74

By Interest and Dividends 9,642.56

By Transfer Fees 14.00

\$138,625.03

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Report of the Board of the Directors is as follows:—

Gentlemen:—The Directors have now to submit to you their Report, with a statement of accounts for the half-year ended 31st December, 1908.

The net profit for the six months, after paying interest due and all charges, amounts to \$261,981.53 to which has to be added the balance brought forward from last Account 384,847.24

and from this have to be deducted:—
 Directors' Fees \$10,000.00
 Auditors' Fees 750.00

10,750.00

leaving available for appropriation \$636,078.77

The Directors recommend that a Dividend for the half-year of 8 per cent. or \$200,000 be paid to Shareholders, that \$21,000 be passed to a special account (No. 1 Dock Extension), that \$3,000 be written from the value of Cosmopolitan Docks, \$25,000 from the Floating Plant and the balance \$337,078.77 be carried to the new account.

The new vessels in hand during the half-year under review were all completed and having passed satisfactory trials were duly accepted; the contract for building a new steel wharf for the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. is well in hand, most of the material on the ground or in the Shops.

We were entrusted with the building of five steel caissons for bridge foundations for the Canton-Kowloon Railway; one was delivered in 1908, and the others are nearly finished.

The only new vessels in hand are two small launches on stock at Cosmopolitan Dock and a launch for harbour use at Kowloon Dock, we have had several enquiries during the year but nothing has so far resulted.

The boiler extension at Kowloon is practically completed with the exception of an overhead electric crane now on order; the other extensions are well advanced.

The Dredger has not been employed during the half-year except for a few days on our own account in connection with the new wharf at Kowloon.

DIRECTORS:
 The Hon. Mr. Henry Keswick, Mr. A. Fuchs and Mr. C. H. Matheson having resigned their seats on leaving the colony, the Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson, Mr. C. G. R. Brodersen and Mr. Edgar G. Barrett were invited to join the Board in their places and these appointments now require confirmation.

Mr. C. G. R. Brodersen having died, Mr. R. A. Siebs has been invited to fill the vacancy, and his appointment now requires confirmation. In accordance with Clauses 78 and 85 of the Articles of the Association, Mr. G. F. Frieland and Mr. D. W. Cradlock retire by rotation but offer themselves for re-election.

The Hon. W. J. Gresson has been elected Chairman for the year 1909.

AUDITORS.
 The accounts have been audited by Mr. H. U. Jeffries and Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A. The Directors recommend Messrs. Jeffries and Percy Smith for re-election.

W. J. GRESSON, Chairman.
 Hongkong, 15th February, 1909.

Balance Sheet 31st December, 1908.

LIABILITIES.
 Capital 50,000 Shares of \$50 each, fully paid \$2,500,000.00
 No. 1 Dock Extension Account 200,000.00
 Marine Insurance Account 116,052.27
 Sundry Creditors 1,851,657.83

Balance of Profit brought forward from last Account \$384,847.24

Profit for the half-year ending December 31st, 1908 261,981.53

646,828.77

ASSETS.

Value of Aberdeen Docks, as per last Statement \$100,000.00

Value of Kowloon Docks as per last Statement \$2,575,820.00

Less amount since written off 65,820.00

\$2,510,000.00

Amount paid on account of Boiler Shop Extension, Boiler Smith's shed, Shipyard Extension, Fire Engine and Wrecking Store and additions to yard plant 36,927.00

2,546,927.00

No. 1 Dock Extension Account

Amount paid on last Statement \$87,791.78

Amount expended during 6 months 1st July to 31st December, 1908 12,445.82

100,237.60

Cosmopolitan.

Value of cosmopolitan dock, as per last statement 307,602.95

Less amount since written off 4,602.95

Value of tugs, dredgers, launches and lighters 508,282.89

Sundry debtors 300,879.51

Value of material expended on work in progress \$121,371.47

Value of material on hand 1,298,894.60

1,420,266.07

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

31st December, 1908.

To amount paid during 6 months reconstructing caisson No. 3 dock, and repairing docks, slips and buildings after typhoon of July 1908 \$ 7,991.70

To interest 56,081.65

To crown rent 4,073.05

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

CATHAY, Danish str., 2,649. Krume, 15th Feb.
—Antwerp 25th December, General—
Melchers & Co.
CHOYANG, British str., 1,424. A. E. Sandback,
15th Feb.—Shanghai 9th and Swatow 14th
Feb., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
GREGORY APCAR, British str., 2,961. S. H.
Belson, 15th Feb.—Calcutta and Singapore
9th Feb., General—David Sassoon & Co.
HELENE, German str., 771. J. J. Jenson, 14th Feb.
—Hollow and Tonnage 15th Feb., Coal and
General—Jensen & Co.
KWANGJIE, Chinese str., 1,468. Froberg, 15th
Feb.—Shanghai 12th February, General—
Chinese.
LINAN, British str., 1,350. Williams, 15th Feb.
—Shanghai 11th February, General—
Butterfield & Swire.
LOOSON, German str., 1,020 G. Schultze, 14th
Feb.—Bungkok 4th and Anghin 6th Feb.,
Rice—Butterfield & Swire.
NIKKO MARU, Japanese str., 3,439. R. Swain,
15th Feb.—Melbourne and Manila 13th
Feb., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
POLYNESIAN, French str., 3,543. H. Broc, 14th
Feb.—Yokohama and Shanghai 11th Feb.,
General—Messageries Maritimes.
RAJAIBURY, German str., 1,189. H. Brumer, 15th
February—Swatow 14th February, Rice—
Butterfield & Swire.
RUH, British str., 1,619. R. Almond, 15th Feb.
—Manila 13th Feb., General—Shevan,
Tomes & Co.
RUZIA, German str., 5,600. F. Taeger, 14th
February—Colombo 3rd February, General—
Hamburg-America Linie.
SABINE RICHMOND, Dutch str., 573. Sanit,
15th Feb.—Palombing 28th January and
Tientsin 13th February, Ballast—Asiatic
Petroleum & Co.
TIENHIN, British str., 1,227. G. W. Fedy, 15th
Feb.—Onyaya 21st Jan. and Samarang
2nd Feb., Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.
TJIKINI, Dutch str., 2,888. K. Hoops 14th Feb.
—Yokohama 9th Feb., General—Jawa-
China-Japan-Lijn.
TOURANE, French str., 3,104. G. Lancelin, 15th
February—Marseilles 17th Jan. Mails and
General—Messageries Maritimes.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.
15th February.
Cathay, Danish str., for Hongkai.
Chihai, British str., for Hoihow.
Choyang, British str., for Canton.
Hacking, British str., for Swatow.
Hailan, French str., for Hoihow.
Iyo Maru, Japanese str., for Seattle.
Kamor, Norwegian str., for Saigon.
Kwangjue, Chinese str., for Canton.
Linan, British str., for Canton.
Polynesian, French str., for Europe.
Sabine Richmond, Dutch str., for Canton.
Sennio, British str., for San Francisco.
Tijalatap, Dutch str., for Batavia.
Wongkoi, German str., for Bangkok.

DEPARTURES.

15th February.
HANGCHOW, British str., for Canton.
SANGREU, British str., for Canton.
TOURANE, French str., for Hongkai.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. Linan reports: Variable
winds and fine, but heavy weather moderate N.E.
monsoon in Pormosa Channel N.E. overcast.
The British str. G. Apar reports: From
Singapore to Julia Shoal, light monsoon and
smooth sea, from there to Rock strong
monsoon with high sea.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

February 15th.
AREDEEN DOCK.—Buji Maru.
KOWLOON DOCK.—H.M.S. Whiting, Tarlac,
Taishun, Minas de Batan, Patria, Japan.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—Glenogle.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE
ITALIANA.
(Florio and Rubattino United Companies.)
STEAM FOR BOMBAY
via SINGAPORE AND PENANG.
Having connection with Company's Mail
Steamers to PORT SAID, MESSINA,
NAPLES, LEBRON, and GENOA, also
VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITER-
RANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and
SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALAO.
(Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN
GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA,
VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and
MALAGA.)

THE Steamship
"ISCHIA."
Captain Belito, will be despatched as above
TO-DAY, the 16th inst., at NOON.
For further particulars regarding Freight
and Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [4]

For MANILA.
THE Steamship
"RIGEL."
Captain J. Sierert, will be despatched for the
above Port TO-MORROW, the 17th inst.,
at 3 P.M.
For Freight and further information apply to
ARRATON V. APCAR & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1909. [341]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY.
STEAM TO SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA
AND KOBE.
THE Company's Steamship
"VORWAERTS."
Capt. Bodnar, will leave for the above places
on FRIDAY, the 19th inst., at 1 P.M.
This steamer has splendid accommodation for
passengers, electric light, carries a doctor and
stewardess.
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Princes Building.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1909. [3]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessels, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k," nearest Hongkong "h" midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

| DESTINATION | VESSEL'S NAME | FLAG & No. | BERTH | CAPTAIN | FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO | TO BE DESPATCHED |
|--|------------------|------------|-------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| LONDON & CO. VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL... | BRYANNA | Brit. str. | — | S. Barham | P. & O. S. N. Co. | On 20th inst. at Noon. |
| LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE & CO. | MAITA | Brit. str. | — | W. F. Crossy, R.N. | P. & O. S. N. Co. | About 24th inst. |
| BREMEN & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS & CO. | ANDALUSIA | Ger. str. | k.w. | Hasse | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 25th inst. |
| BOTTEDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS & CO. | WESTPHALIA | Ger. str. | k.w. | Peter | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 5th March. |
| HAYE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS & CO. | SLAVONIA | Ger. str. | k.w. | Babel | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 25th inst. |
| MARSEILLES & CO. VIA PORTS OF CALL... | SAXONIA | Ger. str. | k.w. | Broc | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 5th March. |
| MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE & CO. | POLYNESIAN | Fr. str. | — | R. Homma | MESSAGERIES MARITIMES | To-day, at 1 P.M. |
| MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE & CO. | YEDDO | Dan. str. | — | — | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | To-morrow, at Daylight |
| MARSEILLES & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS & CO. | MONTGOMERYSHIRE | Brit. str. | — | — | MELCHERS & Co. | On 20th inst. |
| MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE & CO. | CONTANTIA | Ger. str. | k.w. | — | JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. | About 23rd inst. |
| MARSEILLES & LONDON VIA POMBAY | AWA MARU | Jap. str. | — | A. Keith | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | On 3rd March, at D'light. |
| MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE & CO. | MACDONIA | Jap. str. | — | C. D. Bonnett, R.N. | P. & O. S. N. Co. | On 20th March. |
| GENOA, MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP & CO. | AGOSTA MARU | Jap. str. | — | W. Thompson | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | About 7th April. |
| NAPLES, GENOA, ALGERIA, GIBRALTAR & CO. | P. B. LUTFOLD | Ger. str. | — | H. Kirschner | MELCHERS & Co. | On 24th inst., at Noon. |
| TRIESTE & CO. VIA SINGAPORE & CO. | PRINCESS ALICE | Ger. str. | — | P. Gresh | MELCHERS & Co. | On 10th March. |
| NEW YORK | SILSIA | Aus. str. | — | Radonich | SANDER, WIELER & Co. | On 25th inst. |
| YANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN & CO. | SURUGA | Brit. str. | — | — | DODWELL & Co., Ltd. | About 23rd inst. |
| VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN & CO. | MONTAGLE | Brit. str. | 1 m. | — | CANADIAN PACIFIC E. Co. | On 2nd March, at Noon. |
| VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA VIA JAPAN & CO. | EMPEROR OF INDIA | Brit. str. | 2 m. | — | CANADIAN PACIFIC E. Co. | On 15th March, at 7 A.M. |
| VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI & CO. | GYMBIE | Brit. str. | — | J. C. A. Hall | DODWELL & Co., Ltd. | On 11th March. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | ITO MARU | Jap. str. | — | S. J. G. Farnon | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | To-day, at Noon. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | KAGA MARU | Jap. str. | — | G. S. Laprak | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | On 2nd March, at Noon. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | MANITA | Ger. str. | — | C. Minton | MELCHERS & Co. | On 25th inst., at 5 P.M. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | YAWATA MARU | Brit. str. | — | T. Sekino | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | On 18th inst., at Noon. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | TAISHAN | Brit. str. | — | L. Dawson | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | On 28th inst., at 4 P.M. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | ALDENHAM | Brit. str. | — | St. John George | GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. | On 3rd March, at Noon. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | NIKKO MARU | Jap. str. | — | N. Yori | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | On 19th March, at Noon. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | CHANGSHA | Brit. str. | 1 m. | G. W. Eidy | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | On 8th April, at 4 P.M. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | BAICA | Brit. str. | — | C. J. Benton, R.N.R. | P. & O. S. N. Co. | About 17th inst. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | HITACHI MARU | Jap. str. | — | F. E. Cope | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | On 22nd inst., at D'light |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | NIKKO MARU | Jap. str. | — | R. Swain | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | To-morrow, at Noon. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | TJIBODAS | Dut. str. | — | Zwart | JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN | Quick despatch. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | BUJUN MARU | Jap. str. | — | Y. Fueno | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | To-day, at 4 P.M. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | CHINHUA | Brit. str. | — | — | JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. | On 18th inst., at Noon. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | CHOYANG | Brit. str. | — | S. H. Belson | DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd. | On 18th inst., at Noon. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | GREGORY APCAR | Brit. str. | 1 m. | Williams | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | On 18th inst., at 4 P.M. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | LIJN | Aus. str. | — | D. Bednarz | SANDER, WIELER & Co. | On 19th inst., P.M. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | DEUTA | Brit. str. | — | E. W. H. Snow | P. & O. S. N. Co. | About 19th inst. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | JILYRIA | Ger. str. | k.w. | Kotze | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 24th inst. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | SPAZIA | Ger. str. | k.w. | A. Mcker | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 25th inst. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | TAKASAKI MARU | Jap. str. | — | Rud. Meyer | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | About 25th inst. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | KLEIST | Ger. str. | 1 m. | — | MELCHERS & Co. | On 1st March, P.M. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | NERA | Frenstr. | — | G. W. Cockman, R.N.R. | MESSAGERIES MARITIMES | About 1st March. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | PAIMA | Brit. str. | — | Bradley | P. & O. S. N. Co. | On 2nd March, at Noon. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | KUTSANG | Brit. str. | — | de Bronswers | JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. | Quick despatch. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | TJIMARI | Dut. str. | — | T. Ho | JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN | About 17th inst. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | SHINCHIKU MARU | Jap. str. | — | Ijohi | OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA | To-morrow, at 8 A.M. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | SHOSHU MARU | Jap. str. | — | Y. Kaburaki | OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA | On 21st inst., at 10 A.M. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | DAIJIN MARU | Jap. str. | — | Passmore | DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co. | To-day, at Noon. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | DAIJIN MARU | Jap. str. | 2 h. | J. W. Evans | DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co. | To-morrow, at Noon. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | DAIJIN MARU | Jap. str. | 2 h. | J. S. Roach | DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co. | On 19th inst., at Noon. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | DAIJIN MARU | Jap. str. | 1 m. | J. Watreck | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | To-day, at 10 A.M. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | DAIJIN MARU | Jap. str. | 1 m. | Eedy | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | To-day, at 10 A.M. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | TAMING | Brit. str. | — | A. Somerville | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | To-day, at 5 P.M. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | RIGEL | Brit. str. | — | J. Sierert | ABRATON V. APCAR & Co. | To-morrow, at 3 P.M. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | LOONGSANG | Brit. str. | — | S. J. Payne | JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. | On 18th inst., at 4 P.M. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | RUBI | Brit. str. | — | R. W. Almond | DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd. | On 20th inst., at Noon. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | TRIAN | Brit. str. | 1 m. | A. W. Outerbridge | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | On 23rd inst., at 3 P.M. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | YUENSANG | Brit. str. | — | T. H. Rolfe | JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. | On 25th inst., at 4 P.M. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | ZAFIRO | Brit. str. | — | R. Rodger | SHEWAN TOMES & Co. | On 27th inst., at Noon. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | MAUSANG | Brit. str. | — | Weigall | JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. | On 20th inst., at Noon. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | ISORIA | Ger. str. | — | F. Semblil | MELCHERS & Co. | Beginning of March. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | KAGESHIMA MARU | Jap. str. | — | Belsito | CARLOWITZ & Co. | To-day, at Noon. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | LAISANG | Jap. str. | — | T. / rakawa | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | On 20th inst. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | JAPAN | Brit. str. | — | E. J. Tadd | JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. | To-day, at Noon. |
| ACUTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | TJIBONI | Dut. str. | — | H. Kops | DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd. | On 20th inst., at Noon. |

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. BREMEN
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL
LINES.

| FOR | STEAMERS | TO SAIL |
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| NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG | "PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD" | Wed. day, 24th Feb., at Noon. |
| MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE | "MANILA" | Thursday, 25th Feb., at 5 P.M. |
| SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | "KLEIST" | About Thursday, 25th Feb. |
| KUDAT & SANDAKAN | "BORNEO" | Beginning of March. |

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Hongkong, 15th February, 1909.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR
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VIA
MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

| Steamer. | Tons. | Captain. | Sailing Date. |
|----------|-------|---------------|----------------|
| GYMERIC | 4,002 | J. C. A. Hall | On 11th March. |
| KUMERIC | 6,232 | F. S. Cowley | On 8th April. |
| INVERIC | 4,789 | R. J. Howie | On 6th May. |

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FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM JAPAN
via SHANGHAI.

| FOR | STEAMERS | TO SAIL |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| MARSEILLES VIA PORTS | "POLYNESIAN" | On 16th Feb., 1 P.M. |
| SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | "NERA" | On 1st March, P.M. |
| MARSEILLES VIA PORTS | "SALAZAR" | On 2nd March, 1 P.M. |

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| R.M.S. | Tons | LEAVE HONGKONG | ARRIVE | VANCOUVER |
| "MONTEAGLE" | 6,163 | TUESDAY, 2nd March | | 26th March |
| "EMPERESS OF INDIA" | 6,000 | SATURDAY, 13th March | | 2nd April |
| "EMPERESS OF JAPAN" | 6,000 | SATURDAY, 10th April | | 30th April |
| "EMPERESS OF CHINA" | 6,000 | SATURDAY, 1st May | | 22nd May |
| "MONTEAGLE" | 6,163 | TUESDAY, 11th May | | 4th June |
| "EMPERESS OF CHINA" | 6,000 | SATURDAY, 22nd May | | 12th June |

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for Bombay, &c., on SATURDAY, the
20th February, at NOON, taking passengers
and cargo for the above ports in connection
with the Company's s.s. "Mooran" 10,000
tons, from Colombo, passengers' accommodation
in which vessel is secured before departure
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Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France and
Tea for London (under arrangement) will be
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other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed
via Bombay by the R.M.S. "Boyer" due
in London on the 2nd April, 1909.
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4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents
and value of all packages are required.
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E. A. HEWETT,
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Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. [1]

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Hongkong, 4th February, 1909. [249]



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passengers, electric light and carries a doctor
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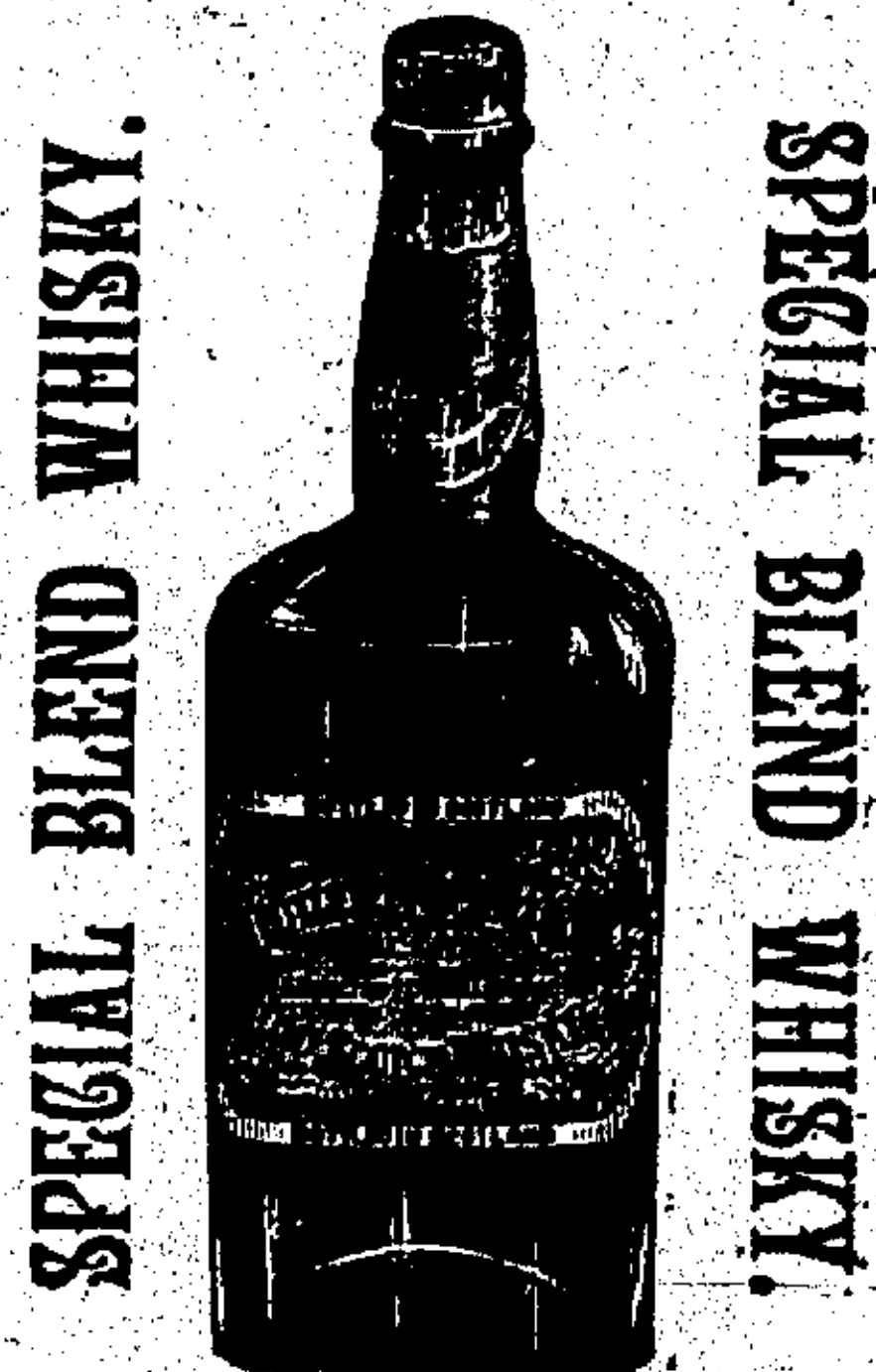
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"ALDENHAM,"
Captain St. John George, will be despatched
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This well-known Steamer is specially fitted
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This Steamer is installed throughout with
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A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon
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N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of
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electric fans fitted in staterooms.
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Hongkong, 13th February, 1909. [333]

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| KOBE | (BANCA) Capt. C. J. Benton, R.N.R. | About 17th Febr. | Freight only. |
| SHANGHAI | DELTA Capt. B. W. H. Snow | About 19th Febr. | Freight and Passage. |
| LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS | BRITANNIA Capt. S. Barcham | Noon, 20th Febr. | See Special of Call. |
| LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO PORT SAID and MARSEILLES | MALTA Capt. W. F. Crossay, R.N.R. | About 24th Febr. | Freight and Passage. |
| SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA | PALMA Capt. G. W. Cockman, R.N.R. | About 1st March | Freight only. |

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Hongkong, 16th February, 1909.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD. SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| FOR | STEAMERS | TO SAIL |
|---|------------|------------------------|
| HONGKONG | "NINGPO" | On 16th Febr., 10 A.M. |
| HOIHOW and HAIPHONG | "CHIHLY" | On 16th Febr., 10 A.M. |
| MANILA | "TAMING" | On 16th Febr., 3 P.M. |
| SHANGHAI | "CHINHUA" | On 17th Febr., 4 P.M. |
| SHANGHAI | "LINAN" | On 18th Febr., 4 P.M. |
| MANILA | "TEAN" | On 23rd Febr., 3 P.M. |
| MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, with Transhipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH | "TAIYUAN" | On 26th Febr., 4 P.M. |
| MANILA, ZAMBOANGA and AUSTRALIA** | "CHANGSHA" | On 8th April, 4 P.M. |

MANILA STEAMERS & TIENTSIN STEAMERS have superior Passenger accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon. AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried. Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports. SHANGHAI STEAMERS have good Saloon Passenger accommodation and take cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports. REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

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| STEAMERS | FOR | LEAVING |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| "HAICHING" Capt. Passmore | SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. | TUESDAY, 16th Febr., at Noon. |
| "HAIMUN" Capt. Evans | SWATOW | WEDNESDAY, 17th Febr., at Noon. |
| "HAI TAN" Capt. J. S. Roach | SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. | FRIDAY, 19th Febr., at Noon. |

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Hongkong, 15th February, 1909.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| FOR | THE CO.'S S.S. | LEAVING |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| * SHANGHAI VIA AMOY & FOOCHOW | "BUJUN MARU" Capt. Y. FURENO | TUESDAY, 16th Febr., at 4 P.M. |
| TAKAO (DIRECT) | "SHINCHIKU MARU" Capt. T. ITO | About WEDNESDAY, 17th Febr. |
| * ANPING VIA SWATOW & AMOY | "SHOSHU MARU" Capt. IZUCHI | WEDNESDAY, 17th Febr., at 8 A.M. |
| * TAMSUI VIA SWATOW & AMOY | "DALIN MARU" Capt. Y. KAWABAKI | SUNDAY, 21st Febr., at 10 A.M. |

* These new Steamers have excellent accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. First-class Cabins Amidships. Unrivaled Table.

† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and North China Ports.

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T. ARIMA, Manager

INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

| FOR | STEAMERS | TO SAIL |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| * SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA | "LAISANG" | Tuesday, 16th Febr., Noon. |
| * SHANGHAI | "CHOYSANG" | Thursday, 18th Febr., Noon. |
| * MANILA | "LOONGSANG" | Friday, 19th Febr., 4 P.M. |
| * SANDAKAN | "LAUSANG" | Saturday, 20th Febr., Noon. |
| * MANILA | "YUENSANG" | Friday, 26th Febr., 4 P.M. |
| * SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI | "KUTSANG" | Tuesday, 2nd March, Noon. |

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN. OCCUPYING 24 DAYS.

The Steamers "KUTSANG," "NAMSANG" and "FOOKSANG" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Yokohama returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong, providing a stay of 6 days in Japan. If passengers leave the steamer at Yokohama and rejoin at Kobe. These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A duly qualified surgeon is also carried.

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Hongkong, 15th February, 1909.

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CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

| STEAMSHIP | TONS | CAPTAIN | FOR | SAILING DATE. |
|-----------|------|--------------|--------|----------------------|
| RUBI | 2540 | R. W. Almond | Manila | On 20th Febr., Noon. |
| ZAFIRO | 2540 | R. Rodger | Manila | On 27th Febr., Noon. |

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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1909.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| DESTINATION | STEAMERS | DATE OF SAILING. |
|----------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| MARSEILLES, HAVRE and COPENHAGEN | "YEDDO" | On 20th February. |

For Further Particulars apply to
HONGKONG, 5th February, 1909.

MELCHERS & CO.,
AGENTS.

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CHEAPEST PASSAGE RATES TO EUROPE AND AROUND-THE-WORLD.

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Hongkong, 10th February, 1909.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| DESTINATIONS. | STEAMERS. | TONS. | SAILING DATES. |
|---|------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|
| MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID | "SANUKI MARU" Capt. K. Honma | 6112 | WEDNESDAY, 17th Febr., at Daylight |
| VICTORIA, BC, and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, and YOKOHAMA | "KAGI MARU" Capt. S. J. G. Parsons | 6320 | WEDNESDAY, 3rd March, at Daylight |
| SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, and BRISBANE | "KAGA MARU" Capt. G. S. Lapraik | 6301 | TUESDAY, 16th Febr., at Noon |
| NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA | "YAWATA MARU" Capt. T. Sekine | 3317 | TUESDAY, 2nd March, at Noon |
| BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO | "NIKKO MARU" Capt. M. Yagi | 5539 | FRIDAY, 19th Febr., at Noon |
| KOBE and YOKOHAMA | "KAGESHIMA MARU" Capt. T. Akakura | 4687 | FRIDAY, 19th March, at Noon |
| SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE | "HITACHI MARU" Capt. F. E. Cope | 6715 | WEDNESDAY, 17th Febr., at Noon |
| | "TAKASAKI MARU" Capt. A. Mocker | 4370 | SATURDAY, 20th Febr., at Daylight |

* Omitting Yokohama.

† Fitted with Marconi's System of Wireless Telegraphy.

‡ Through Passengers Tickets issued to the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers. Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Nagasaki and Yokohama, 1st and 2nd Class through Passengers have the option of travelling by Rail.

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Hongkong, 16th February, 1909.

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EAST ASIATIC FREIGHT SERVICE.

Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES, via STRAITS and COLOMBO, to HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG and to NEW YORK.

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Also via Aden or Port Said, by the Company's "Arabian and Persian Service" to Arabian and Persian Gulf Ports.

NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

| OUTWARD. | HOMeward. |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE: | FOR BREMEN & HAMBURG: |
| S.S. JILYRIA | S.S. ANDALUSIA |
| S.S. SPEZIA | 25th Febr. |
| S.S. AMBRIA | For HAVRE & HAMBURG: |
| S.S. BRUGAVIA | S.S. VONIA |
| S.S. BELGRAVIA | 23th Febr. |
| S.S. SILEVIA | For MARSEILLES & HAMBURG: |
| S.S. SURVIA | S.S. CONSTANTIA |
| S.S. SCANDIA | 23th Febr. |
| S.S. SENEGAMBIA | For ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG: |
| S.S. SEGOVIA | S.S. WESTPHALIA |
| | 5th March. |
| | For HAVRE & HAMBURG: |
| | S.S. SAXONIA |
| | 5th March. |

Further Particulars, apply to—
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Hongkong, 12th February, 1909.

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10,500 TONS.

CAPTAIN C. D. BENNETT, R.N.R.

THIS THROUGH MAIL STEAMER FOR MARSEILLES AND LONDON VIA BOMBAY WILL LEAVE HONGKONG ON MARCH 20TH, 1909, STAYING AT BOMBAY 24 HOURS ONLY AND IS DUE TO ARRIVE AT—

| | |
|------------|-------------|
| MARSEILLES | APRIL 17TH. |
| LONDON | APRIL 24TH. |

FARES TO LONDON—

| | | | | |
|------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1st SALOON | £71.10 | SINGLE | £106.14 | RETURN. |
| 2nd | £48.8 | | £72.12 | |

For further Particulars apply to—

E. A. HEWETT,
SUPERINTENDENT.
[1600]

Hongkong 1st January, 1909.

PASSENGER SEASON 1909.

IN 25 DAYS TO ITALY BY THE MAGNIFICENT N.D.L. LINERS:

Tons Reg.

| | | |
|---------------------|--------|----------------|
| "PRINZESS ALICE" | 10,911 | ON MARCH 10TH. |
| Capt. P. Grosch. | | |
| "KLEIST" | 9,600 | ON MARCH 24TH. |
| Capt. R. MEYER. | | |
| "PRINZ LUDWIG" | 9,630 | ON APRIL 7TH. |
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Early booking recommended.

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Hongkong, 5th February, 1909.

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THE Steamship

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Hongkong, 11th February, 1909.

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Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Daire and Siberia.

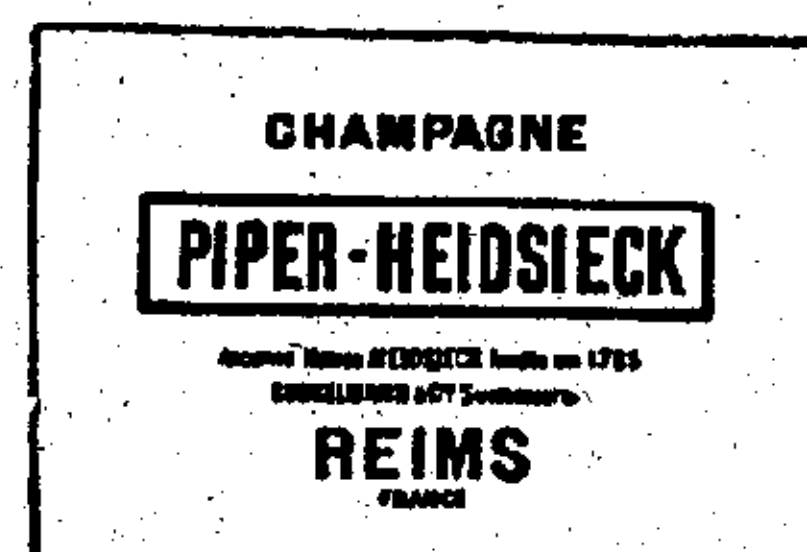
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|---------------|---------------|
| 19th February | at 7.45 a.m. |
| 25th February | at 8.15 p.m. |
| 5th March | at 7.45 a.m. |
| 12th March | at 11.45 a.m. |
| 18th March | at 8.15 p.m. |

The Delta, with the English mail of the 22nd January, left Singapore on Saturday, the 13th inst., at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 18th inst., at 9 a.m. The packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 22nd Dec., and the parcel mails closed in London for despatch by the sea route on the 13th January, and for despatch overland on the 20th January.

| FOR | PER | DATE |
|--|-----------|---------------------------|
| San Francisco | Seminoles | Tuesday, 16th, 8.00 a.m. |
| Hankow | Hankow | Tuesday, 16th, 9.00 a.m. |
| Hongkong | Hongkong | Tuesday, 16th, 9.00 a.m. |
| Holoh and Hongkong | China | Tuesday, 16th, 9.00 a.m. |
| SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO | Siberia | Tuesday, 16th, 9.00 a.m. |
| (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail.) | | |
| Extra Postage (10 cents) | | |
| Singapore, Penang and Calcutta | Lansing | Tuesday, 16th, 10.00 a.m. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow | Haiting | Tuesday, 16th, 10.00 a.m. |
| Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, Yokohama, Victoria and Seattle | Iyo Maru | Tuesday, 16th, 10.00 a.m. |
| EUROPE, India via Tattoria | Polynesia | Tuesday, 16th, 10.00 a.m. |
| (Late Letters 11.00 a.m. to Noon Extra Postage 10 cents) | | |
| (Letters posted in all the Fuller Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) | | |

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| Shanghai | Cathay | Tuesday, 16th, 1.00 p.m. |
| Macao | Sui Tai | Friday, 19th, 1.15 p.m. |
| Seigon and Balat | Loonyang | Friday, 19th, 3.00 p.m. |
| Manila | Bubi | Saturday, 20th, 10.00 a.m. |
| Amoy, Focchow and Shanghai | Japan | Saturday, 20th, 10.00 a.m. |
| Mojito | Mauwong | Saturday, 20th, 10.00 a.m. |
| Holoh and Pakhoi | | |
| Swatow, Amoy and Aring | | |
| Singapore, Penang, and Colombo | | |
| Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama | | |
| Swatow | | |
| Macao | | |
| Manila | | |
| Shanghai | | |
| Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Moji | | |
| Macao | | |
| Shanghai | | |
| Mojito, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, San Francisco and Portland | | |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow | | |
| Manila, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle | | |
| Macao | | |
| Manila | | |
| Manila | | |
| Singapore, Penang and Calcutta | | |
| Sundakan | | |

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COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATION.

February 15th

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| ON LONDON.— | |
| Telegraphic Transfer | 1/9 |
| Bank Bills, on demand | 1/9 1/2 |
| Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight | 1/9 1/2 |
| Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight | 1/9 1/2 |
| Credits, at 4 months' sight | 1/9 1/2 |
| Documentary Bills 4 months' sight | 1/9 1/2 |
| ON PARIS.— | |
| Bank Bills, on demand | 221 |
| Credits, at 4 months' sight | 225 |
| ON GERMANY.— | |
| On demand | 180 |
| ON NEW YORK.— | |
| Bank Bills, on demand | 423 |
| Credits, at 60 days' sight | 433 |
| ON BOMBAY.— | |
| Telegraphic Transfer | 131 1/2 |
| Bank, on demand | 132 1/2 |
| ON CALCUTTA.— | |
| Telegraphic Transfer | 131 1/2 |
| Bank, on demand | 132 1/2 |
| ON SHANGHAI.— | |
| Bank, at sight | 74 1/2 |
| Private, 30 days' sight | 75 1/2 |
| ON YOKOHAMA.— | |
| On demand | 85 1/2 |
| ON MANILA.— | |
| On demand—Pesos— | 75 1/2 |
| ON SINGAPORE.— | |
| On demand | 144 1/2 |
| ON BATAVIA.— | |
| On demand | 105 1/2 |
| ON HONGKONG.— | |
| On demand | 144 1/2 |
| ON BANGKOK.— | |
| On demand | 86 1/2 |
| GOVERNMENT, Bank's Buying Rate | \$11.25 |
| GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael | \$59.15 |
| SILVER, per oz. | 23 1/2 |

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

| | | | per cent |
|----------|---------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Chinese |20 cents pieces..... | \$7.90 | discount. |
| Chinese |10 "..... | \$8.40 | " |
| Hongkong |20 "..... | \$7.00 | " |
| Hongkong |10 "..... | \$7.10 | " |

OPIUM.

February 13th.

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----|----------|------------|
| Quotations are:— | | | |
| Malwa New | ... | \$1.070 | per picul. |
| Malwa Old | ... | \$1.090 | " |
| Malwa Older | ... | \$1.110 | " |
| Malwa V. Old | ... | \$1.130 | " |
| Persian fine quality | ... | \$1.000 | " |
| Persian extra fine | ... | \$880 | " |
| Patna New | ... | \$1.065 | per chest. |
| Patna Old | ... | \$1.100 | " |
| Benzene New | ... | \$1.017½ | " |
| Benzene Old | ... | ... | " |

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.
Jan. 16th—Peiho, Achille, Palermo, 2041—
Armand Behie, Benvenue, Calcutta, Montrose,
Sophie, Bismarck, 23rd—Caertes, Ningchow,
Princess Alice, Tourane, 27th—Glenorchy,
Hitachi Maru, Kanagawa, 30th—Tudor
Prince, 30th—(Delayed through Matilung),
Sicilia, February 3rd—Antiochus, Austria,
Benlavora, Diomed, Indragayo, Katsou, Palma,
Scandia, 6th—Kleist, Belomond, Dardanus,
Ping Suez, Kanakura Maru, Nara, 10th—
Tanyuebar, Meinan, Lennor, Ambria, Nile,
Thecus, 13th—Indragayo, Tonkin, Hyon.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

February 12th—Derfflinger, Sado Maru,
Ching Wo, Moyuna.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, February 15th.

| Barometer | Thermometer | Humidity | Wind Direction | Force | Weather |
|-----------|-------------|----------|----------------|-------|---------|
| 30.03 | 80.16 | 65 | ESE | 2 | Cloudy |
| 29.98 | 80.16 | 65 | ESE | 2 | Cloudy |
| 29.98 | 80.16 | 65 | ESE | 2 | Cloudy |
| 29.98 | 80.16 | 65 | ESE | 2 | Cloudy |
| 29.98 | 80.16 | 65 | ESE | 2 | Cloudy |
| 29.98 | 80.16 | 65 | ESE | 2 | Cloudy |
| 29.98 | 80.16 | 65 | ESE | 2 | Cloudy |
| 29.98 | 80.16 | 65 | ESE | 2 | Cloudy |
| 29.98 | 80.16 | 65 | ESE | 2 | Cloudy |
| 29.98 | 80.16 | 65 | ESE | 2 | Cloudy |

Highest open air Temperature on 14th..... 69
Lowest open air Temperature on 14th..... 68

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

| COMPANY. | PAID UP. | QUOTATIONS. |
|------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Alhambra | £50 | Nominal. |
| Bank— | | |
| Hongkong & Shanghai | \$125 | \$895, buyers |
| National B. of China | 40 | \$51, buyers |
| Bell's Asbestos E. A. | 125 | 40, buyers |
| China-Borneo Co. | \$12 | \$111. |
| China Light & P. Co. | \$10 | \$42, sellers |
| China Provident | \$10 | \$9.20. |
| Cotton Mills— | | |
| Hongkong | £10 | £10, sellers |
| International | £10 | £10, sellers |
| Loon Kung Mow | £10 | £10, sellers |
| Soyabean | £10 | £10, sellers |
| Dairy Farm | £10 | £11. |
| Books and Wharves | £10 | \$46, buyers |
| H. & W. Dock | £10 | \$50, sellers |
| New Amoy Dock | £10 | \$54, buyers |
| Shanghai Dock | £10 | \$75, buyers |
| Shui & H. Wharf | £10 | \$108. |
| Farwick & Co., Geo. | \$25 | \$12, sellers |
| Green Island Cement | \$10 | \$9.70, sellers |
| Hongkong & S. Gas | \$10 | \$9.90, buyers |
| Hongkong Electric | \$10 | \$10. |
| Hongkong Hotel Co. | \$10 | \$10. |
| Hongkong Ice Co. | \$10 | \$20, sellers |
| H.K. Milling Co., Ltd. | \$100 | Nominal. |
| Hongkong Rope Co. | \$10 | \$25, buyers |
| Insurance— | | |
| Canton | \$50 | \$190, sellers |
| China Fire | \$50 | \$100. |
| China Traders | \$50 | \$57 1/2, buyers |
| Hongkong Fire | \$50 | \$58, buyers |
| North China | \$50 | \$75, 100, sellers |
| Union | \$100 | \$25. |
| Yangtze | \$50 | \$100. |
| Land and Building— | | |
| Hongkong Land | \$100 | \$98, buyers |
| Humphrey's Estate | \$10 | \$26.50, sales |
| Kowloon Land & B. | \$10 | \$80. |
| Shanghai Land | £10 | £120. |
| West Point Building | \$50 | \$44, sellers |
| Mining— | | |
| Charbonnages | £250 | \$400, buyers |
| Raube | £10 | \$82, buyers |
| Peak Tramways | \$10 | \$14. |
| Phillips Co. | \$10 | \$5, sellers |
| Refineries— | | |
| China Sugar | \$100 | \$130, sellers |
| London Sugar | \$100 | \$7. |
| Robins & Plano Co. | \$50 | \$40, sellers |
| Steamship Companies | | |
| China and India | \$25 | \$12, sellers |
| Hongkong Steamship | \$50 | \$34, buyers |
| H. Canton & M. | \$15 | \$28, buyers |
| Indo-China S. M. Co. | 25 | \$38, buyers |
| Shell Transport Co. | 21 | \$40, buyers |
| Star Ferry | \$10 | \$24. |
| Do, New | \$5 | \$15. |
| South China M. Post | \$25 | \$24, sellers |
| Steam Laundry Co. | \$5 | \$4. |
| Stores & Dispensaries | \$10 | \$9, buyers |
| Campbell, M. & Co. | \$7 | \$4, sellers |
| Powell & Co., Wm. | \$10 | \$24, buyers |
| Watkins | \$10 | \$24, buyers |
| Watson & Co., A. S. | \$10 | \$24, buyers |
| Weissmann, Ltd. | \$100 | \$140. |
| United Asbestos | \$4 | \$12. |
| Do, Founders | \$10 | \$25. |
| Union Waterboat Co. | \$10 | \$10. |

V. KRON & SMT. TH.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From February 16th to 22nd, 1909.

| HIGH WATER. | | | | LOW WATER. | | | |
|-------------|--------|-------|------------|------------|------|--------|---------|
| Day. | Month. | Hour. | Mean Time. | Height. | Day. | Month. | Height. |
| Dec. | 16 | m | h. m. | ft. in. | m | h. m. | ft. in. |
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| | | | 6 4 | 3 9 | m | 2 54 | 3 7 |
| Thur. | 18 | m | 6 34 | 4 2 | m | 3 53 | 4 7 |
| | | | 7 4 | 4 3 | m | 4 52 | 5 7 |
| Fri. | 19 | m | 8 29 | 4 6 | m | 5 2 | 6 4 |
| | | | 9 39 | 4 5 | m | 6 1 | 7 4 |
| Sat. | 20 | m | 10 31 | 5 0 | m | 6 58 | 8 4 |
| | | | 11 4 | 5 1 | m | 7 56 | 9 4 |
| Sun. | 21 | m | 10 14 | 5 2 | m | 8 53 | 10 4 |
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